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ATHENS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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DEDICATION

TO STEVE INGOLD

We the Class of '54 dedicate this annual, in appreciation of his readiness to extend his services to the senior class.

ADMINISTRATION

GLEN BYRAM, Superintendent

The school board of Athens Community Unit School District #213 is composed of seven members: Loren Brown, president; Chester Powell, Secretary; Lehman Canterbury; Herman Harrison; J. Kennedy Kincaid, Jr.; Charles O. Jensen; and Lawrence Grant. They meet the second Monday each month in regular session and usually once or twice between regular meetings. Much time and effort is spent by the board in school work in one way or another. They have provided us with two new grade school buildings and an addition to the high school in the last year.

Mr. Byram and Mr. McWilliams are, as in previous years, busy as ever. The office secretary is new this year, however. Miss Dorothy Ingold, class of '52, has taken the place of Mrs. Betty Wilcox. Welcome to A. C. H. S. again and we hope you enjoy your job as secretary here, Dottie.

In addition to the new buildings previously mentioned, we are also favored with the service of a new kitchen and hot lunch program. Approximately 140 are being fed each day. The students of A. C. H. S. have long awaited this service and patronize it well.

The enrollment in all schools is on the whole slightly down. The high school has 169, Athens Grade, 217; Cantrall Grade, 89; Fancy Prairie Grade, 58; and Indian Point Grade, 30.

The two new grade buildings have new principals. Mr. Everett Munson of Mt. Pulaski is principal of the Cantrall Grade School, and Mr. Harold Penstone, formerly of Pittsfield, is principal of the Fancy Prairie School.

We have two new janitors--Everett Landreth at the Cantrall School and Ernest Osborne at the Indian Point School.

DOTTIE INGOLD, Secretary

ATHENS COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL BOARD

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Mrs. Baker

MRS. PAT BAKER
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Home Economics.

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Bookkeeping.

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Vocational
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College.
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Illinois.
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Assistant
Principal.

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College.
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General Science.

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Illinois
University.
English
I, II,
French I.

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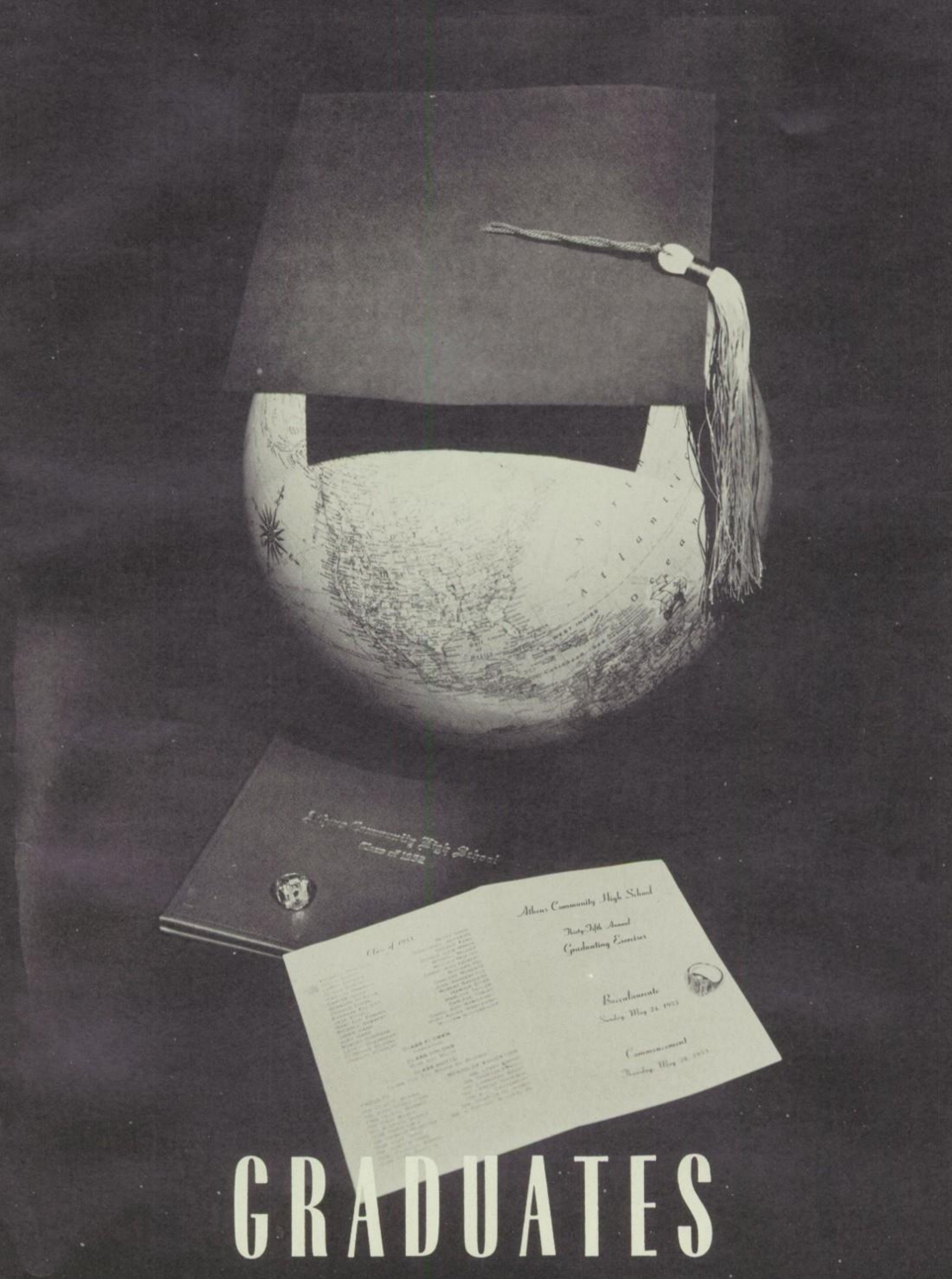
Mr. Ragle

Mr. Todd

Mrs. Todd


Athens Community High School
Class of 1953
Athens Community High School
Thirty-Fifth Annual
Graduating Exercises
Baccalaureate
Commencement

GRADUATES

CLASS OBITUARY

The Class of 1954 has quietly and peacefully passed away. It was but four years ago last September that '54 began to live. Dick Ahrenkiel served as her president with the assistance of Bernard Jankauski as vice-president, Betty Clemens as secretary, Martin Nevitt as treasurer, and Bob Freeman, student council member. Class sponsor was Mr. Stevens. That year '54 began to test the joys of night life. Basketball games and a movie now and then - '54 began to grow restless.

By her sophomore year, a once-healthy class was showing definite signs of collapse. Basketball and band activities and the class parties took up quite a bit of her time. Top executives during her sophomore year were: President, Kenny Critcheloe; Vice-President, Dick Ahrenkiel; Secretary-Treasurer, Bernard Jankauski; and Student Council, Dean Jensen. Our class sponsor was Mr. Ragle.

Her junior year proved even more tiring. This "big" year included choosing her class rings, the Junior-Senior Banquet, and the class play, "We Shook the Family Tree." Officers were: President, Dean Jensen; Vice-President, Dick Ahrenkiel; Secretary-Treasurer, Ronald Robison; Student Council, Norman Mack and Kenneth Critcheloe. The sponsors were Mrs. Baker and Mr. Todd.

Helping '54 through her last stand, the fourth year, were Mrs. Garber and Mr. Ingold. They guided '54 through the production of the year book and the class play "Meet Me In St. Louis." Class officers were: Dick Ahrenkiel, President; Donna Graham, Vice-President; Norman Mack, Secretary-Treasurer; and Dick Conover, Student Council. Now it was obvious that the poor old class was rapidly coming to an end. The class trip to Chicago, too much night life, and too many trips to the cafe for sundaes and cokes had at last overcome her. Funeral services will be held on May 27, 1954, at 8 o'clock P.M.

RICHARD KEITH AHRENKIEL - "Dick"
"Love is too simple for a brainy man like me."
Ambition--To go to college.
Activities--National Honor Society, 34; Basketball, 234; Baseball, 1234; Track, 234; Class officer, 1234, President, 14; Student Council, 14; Librarian, 4; "Athenian Sun" Staff, 3; Honor Night, 234, Athenian Staff, 4.

ARTHUR ALKIRE - "Art"
"Over my studies, I do not toil for they aren't worth the midnight oil."
Ambition--To be happy and successful and comfortably rich.
Activities--Band, 1; Junior Play; Librarian, 4.

MARSHALL DEAN BAUGHER - "Mart"
"None but himself can be his parallel."
Ambition--Be a family man.
Activities--National Honor Society, 34; F.F.A., 234; Music Festival, 2; Band, 2; Senior Play; Librarian, 34.

NORMA JEAN BAUGHER - "Sis"
"I'm the only one of my kind."
Ambition--To be a nurse and visit every state.
Activities--F.H.A., 124; Senior Play; "Athenian Sun" Staff, 3; Athenian Staff, 4; Cheerleader, 34; Honor Night, 34.

VERNALEE BECKER - "Pudge"
"Don't take life too seriously, you'll get out of it alive anyway."
Ambition--To direct a first place chorus in a state contest.
Activities--National Honor Society, 34; F.H.A. 1234; F.H.A. Officer, 1234; Chorus, 1234; Glee Club, 12; Sextet, 1234; Trio, 34; Operetta, 3; Music Contest, sectional, 123; district, 23; state, 23; Music Festival, 1234; Band, 1234; Officer 2, President 4; Summer Band, 1234; Orchestra, 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; "Athenian Sun" Staff, 234; Athenian Editor, 4; Honor Night, 34; All State Band, 4.

DONNA JEAN BENNETT - "Red"
"Being gifted with a tongue, I use it."
Ambition--To work in an office.
Activities--F.H.A., 1234; F.H.A., Officer, 34; Chorus, 1234; Glee Club, 12; Operetta, 3; Music Festival, 1234; Band, 1234; Summer Band, 1234; Junior Play; Senior Play; "Athenian Sun" Staff, 4; Honor Night, 4.

EMILY MAE BROWN - "Mike"
"Invest in a smile; it pays big dividends."
Ambition--To be a doctor.
Activities--National Honor Society, 34; F.H.A., 1234; Chorus, 3; Operetta, 3; Speech Contest, 34; Librarian, 134; "Athenian Sun" Staff, 3; Athenian Staff, 4; Honor Night, 4.

BETTY JEAN CLEMENS - "Betsy Jane"
"If there isn't a way, she'll make one."
Ambition--To be a secretary.
Activities--F.H.A., 1234; F.H.A. Officer, 34; Chorus, 1; Music Contest, 234; Music Festival, 134; Band, 1234; Summer Band, 1234; Class Officer, 1; "Athenian Sun" Staff, 34; Cheerleader, 3; Honor Night, 134.

JO ELLYN CLINE - "Jo"
"She talks so fast her tongue blurs."
Ambition--To be a success in everything I attempt.
Activities--F.H.A., 124; Chorus, 1234; Glee Club, 12; Sextet, 124; Trio, 234; Operetta, 3; Music Contest, Sectional, 13; District, 123; State, 3; Music Festival, 1234; Band, 1234; Summer Band, 1234; Orchestra, 3; Senior Play; Athenian Staff, 4; Honor Night, 4.

RICHARD LA RUE CONOVER - "Dick"
"Even a fish won't get caught if it keeps its mouth shut.
Ambition--Go somewhere and do something.
Activities--National Honor Society, 34; Baseball, 1234; Chorus, 2; Music Contest, 234; Music Festival, 1234; Band, 1234; Summer Band, 1234; Speech Contest, 3; Student Council, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Librarian, 4; "Athenian Sun" Staff, 3; Athenian CO-Editor.

KENNETH RAY CRITCHELOE - "Critch"
"Men like me are hard to find."
Ambition--To be a farmer.
Activities--F.F.A., 1234; F.F.A. Officer, 3; Basketball, 234; Baseball, 1234; Track, 234; Music Festival, 1; Band, 1; Class Officer, President, 2; Student Council, 234; Honor Night, 234.

BONNIE BERNICE FERGUSON - "Bonzo"
"Just being pleasant is a fine way to be."
Ambition--To go to California and get a job.
Activities--Chorus, 124; Music Festival, 124; Honor Night, 4.

LULA BELLE FERGUSON - "Lula"
"I've no time to weep, twixt love, fun, and sleep."
Ambition--To get a job.
Activities--Chorus, 13; Operetta, 3; Music Festival, 3.

ANNA LOUISE FORDEN - "Tootie"
"Jolly to talk with; eager to serve."
Ambition--To be an office girl.
Activities--Chorus, 123; F.H.A., 12; Operetta, 3; Music Festival, 123; Honor Night, 4.

ROBERT EDWIN FREEMAN - "Windy"
"Napoleon was only 5'2"."
Ambition--To be president of Anheuser Busch Inc.
Activities--Baseball, 134; Student Council, 1234; Junior Play; Senior Play.

DONNA JUNE GRAHAM - "Butch"
"Giggling is a feminine accomplishment."
Ambition--To swim the English Channel.
Activities--National Honor Society, 34; F.H.A., 1234; F.H.A. Officer, 23; President, 4; Chorus, 34; Operetta, 3; Music Contest, 1234; Music Festival, 1234; Band, 124; President, 3; Summer Band, 1234; Class Officer 4; Student Council, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; "Athenian Sun Staff", 3; Athenian Staff, 4; Honor Night, 4.

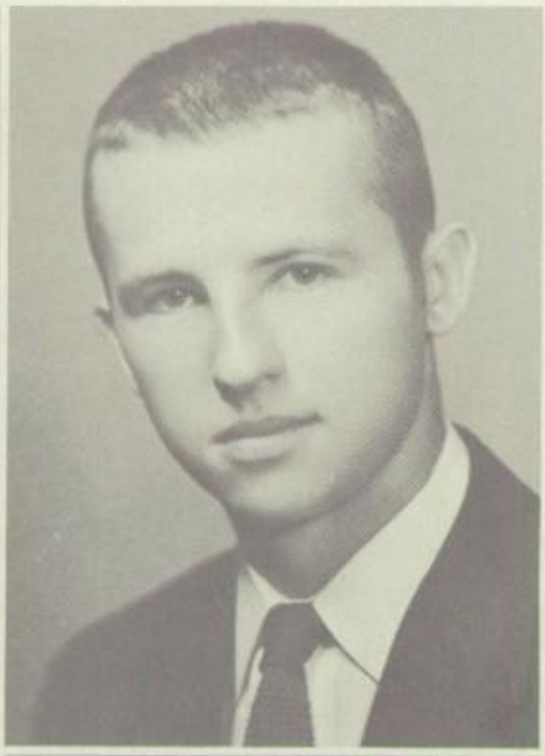
LEANN FRANCES GRANT - "Shortie"
"Bigness is not judged by size alone."
Ambition--To be a secretary.
Activities--F.H.A., 12; Chorus, 1234; Glee Club, 12; Sextet, 123; Trio, 34; Operetta, 3; Music Contest, 1234; Music Festival, 1234; Band 1234; Summer Band, 1234; Junior Play; "Athenian Sun Staff", 234; Honor Night, 34.

MARIETTA HOLLER - "Mary"
"Mischief? I'll join you. Study? You can do that alone."
Ambition--To make a certain farmer a good wife.
Activities--Chorus, 1234; Glee Club, 12; Sextet, 12; Trio, 23; Music Festival, 23; Music Contest, 23.

DOROTHY HOLLIS - "Dot"
"Why should the Devil have all the fun."
Ambition--To be a secretary.
Activities--F.H.A., 123; Chorus, 13; Operetta, 3; Band, 2; "Athenian Sun" Staff, 3; Honor Night, 4.

BERNARD JANKAUSKI - "Bernie"
"Work, it fascinates me; I could sit and watch it for hours."
Ambition--Get out of school.
Activities--Basketball, 1234; Baseball, 12; Track, 2; Class officer, 12; Librarian, 4; Honor Night, 1234.

PHYLLIS JENKINS - "Philly"
"Success is built of a backbone, not a wishbone.
Ambition--To be a farmer's wife.
Activities--F.H.A., 123; Chorus, 12; Glee Club, 12; Music Contest, 1; Sectional, 1; Music Festival, 12; Honor Night, 4.

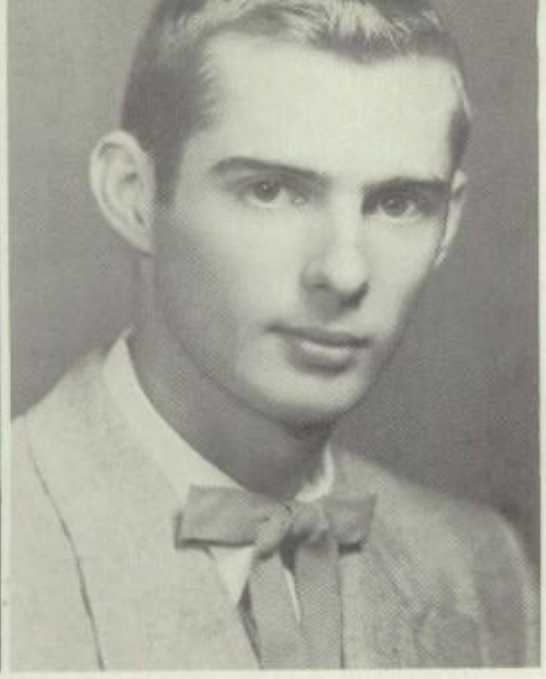


CHARLES DEAN JENSEN - "Dean"
"When I have nothing better to do, I come to school."
Ambition--To go to college.
Activities--F.F.A., 12; Basketball, 1234; Baseball, 1234; Track, 234; Chorus, 2; Glee Club, 2; Music Contest, 234; Music Festival, 1234; Band, 1234; Band Officer, 2; Summer Band, 1234; Orchestra, 3; Class Officer, 2; President, 3; Student Council, 23; Junior Play; Senior Play; Librarian, 3; "Athenian Sun" Staff, co-editor; Athenian Staff, 4; Honor Night, 1234.

NORMAN MACK - "Norm"
"Loves only one--at a time."
Ambition--To be a veterinary.
Activities--F.F.A., 1234; Basketball, 1234; Baseball, 34; Track, 234; Student Council, 34; Class Officer, 4; Librarian, 3; Honor Night, 1234.

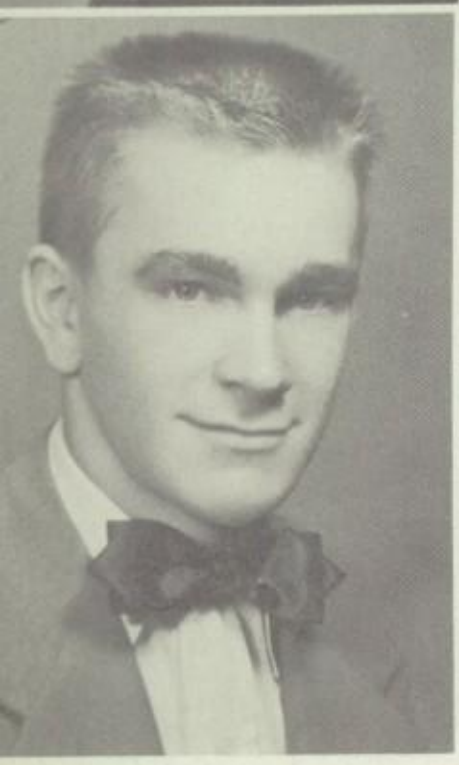
BONNIE MANIS - "Bon"
"Late evenings aren't good for one, but they're all right for two.
Ambition--To be a successful secretary.
Activities--F.H.A. 1234; F.H.A. Officer, 4; Chorus, 1234; Glee Club, 12; Music Festival, 1234; Operetta, 3; Music Contest, 1; Junior Play; Senior Play; Librarian, 2; "Athenian Sun" Staff, 124; Athenian, 4; Honor Night, 34.

MARY MARKEY - "Lou"
"It's nice to be natural when you're naturally nice."
Ambition--To be a nurse.
Activities--F.H.A., 1234; Chorus, 234; Glee Club, 2; Music Festival, 3; Senior Play, "Athenian Sun" Staff, 34; Honor Night, 4.



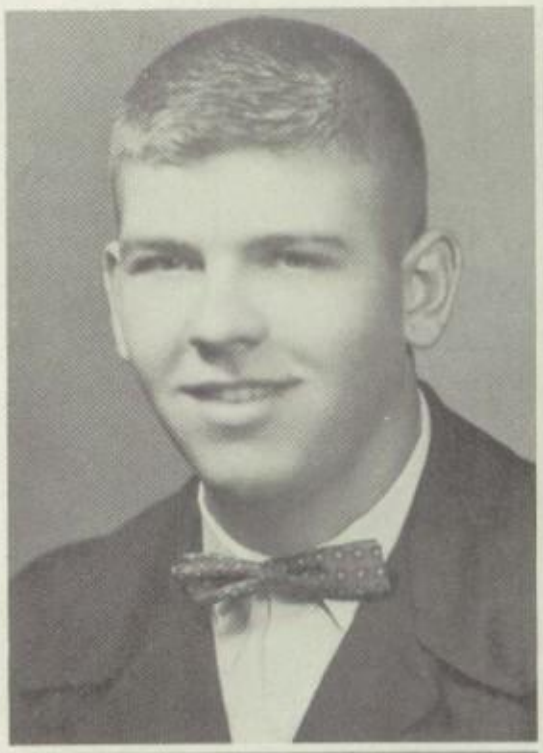
MARILYN McCALL - "Marilyn"
"Life is short so let's be merry. Life is too dull in a cemetery."
Ambition--To make people love life.
Activities--F.H.A., 1234; F.H.A. Officer, 3; Band, 234; Summer Band, 234; Senior Play, 4; Librarian, 23; Athenian, 4; Honor Night, 34.

EVAN MILLER - "Evy"
"He never goes faster than the car will go."
Ambition--To be a race-driver.
Activities--F.F.A., 12; Basketball, 1; Track, 34; Honor Night, 1.



LEE NEAVILL - "Lee"
"Nature might stand up and say, 'This is a man? I'"
Ambition--To have the finest farm in Illinois.
Activities--F.F.A., 1234; Chorus, 12.

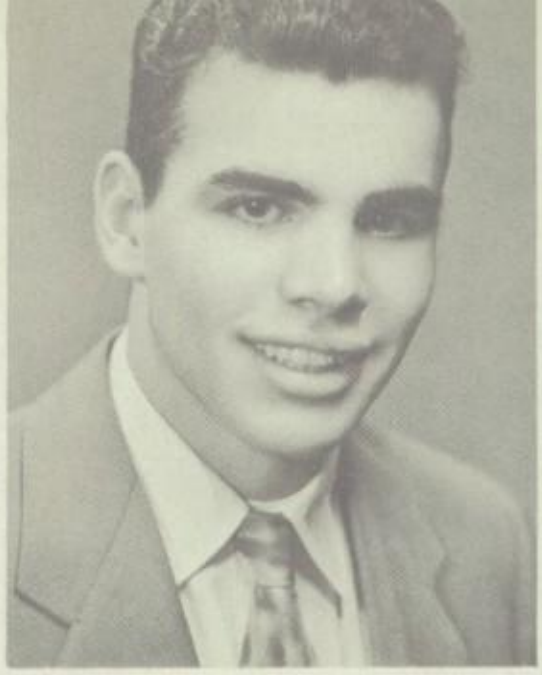
MARTIN NEVITT - "Humphrey"
"Girls make me so nervous."
Ambition--To be a bigamist.
Activities--Basketball, 4; Baseball, 1234; Track, 34; Chorus, 12; Class Officer, 1; Honor Night, 4.

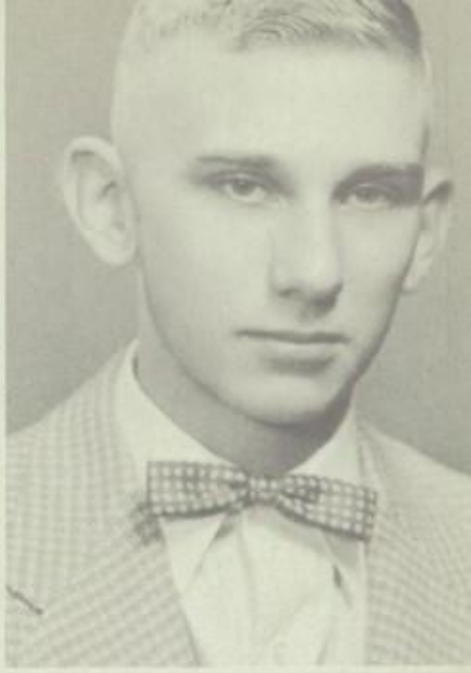


JACK NOONAN - "Joker"
"Girls are all right, but I'll take myself."
Ambition--To be a successful hobo.
Activities--F.F.A., 124; Basketball, 1234; Track, 234; Chorus, 1; Music Festival, 1; Senior Play, 4; Athenian Sun, 12; Athenian, 4; Honor Night, 1234.

JOYCE RATH - "Joy"
"Mild and good looking, but so is dynamite."
Ambition--Work in an orphanage.
Activities--F.H.A., 1234; Chorus, 1234; Glee Club, 12; Music Festival, 1234; Senior Play, 4; "Athenian Sun," 4, Athenian 4; Honor Night, 14.

RONALD ROBISON - "Robbie"
"All great men are dying, and I don't feel so well myself."
Ambition--Live till I die.
Activities--Basketball, 12; Baseball, 12; Track, 2; Class Officer, 3; Junior Play, 3; Senior Play, 4; "Athenian Sun," 13; Honor Night, 12.

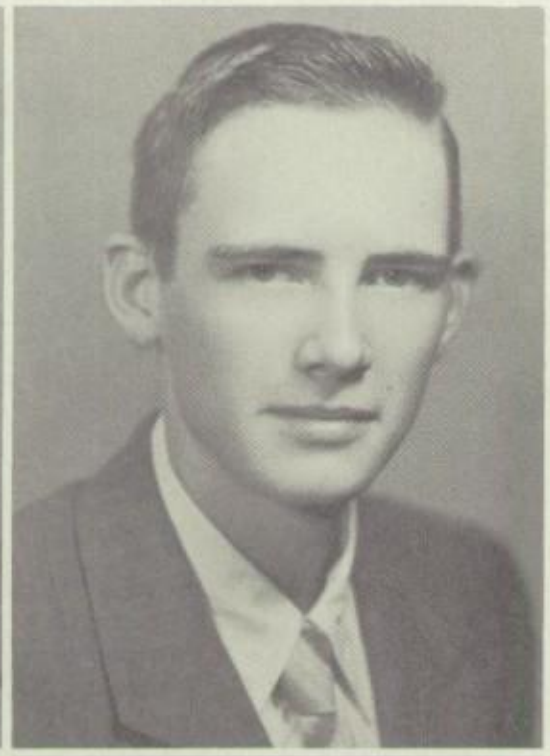


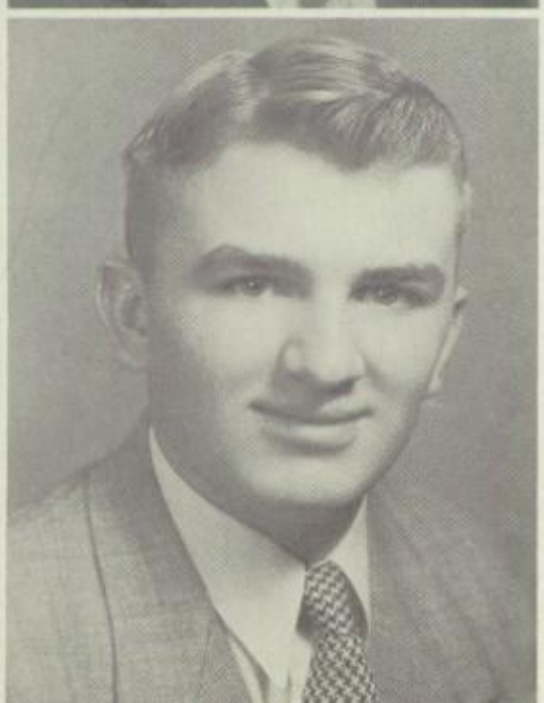


CHARLES SEIPEL - "Chick"
(Transferred from Williamsville)
"Not bashful-just conservative."
Ambition--To be rich.
Activities--Basketball, 1234; Track, 1234.

GEORGE STIER - "Shorty"
"All good things aren't built close to the ground."
Ambition--To be a successful farmer.
Activities--F.F.A., 1234; F.F.A. Officer, 4; Basketball, 34; Track, 34; Honor Night, 34.

KATHERINE WEIDHUNER - "Katie"
"I know a lot but I just can't think of it."
Ambition--To be a nurse.
Activities--F.H.A., 12; Chorus, 1234; Glee Club, 12; Music Festival, 13; Honor Night, 4.





DARRELL WELLS - "D"
"I must confess women like me."
Ambition--To be a success in whatever I do.
Activities--F.F.A., 1234; Basketball, 2; Band, 1; Summer Band, 1; Honor Night, 2.

JOHN WINTERBAUER - "Johnny"
"Don't recite so loud, I'm sleepy."
Ambition--To be a successful farmer.
Activities--F.F.A., 1234; F.F.A. President, 4; Basketball, 1234; Baseball, 1234; Track, 234; Student Council, 4; Senior Play; Honor Night, 1234.

GLENN WOODRUM - "Woody"
"Seldom heard but always doing."
Ambition-- To be a truck-driver.

DAVID YOUNG - "Juicer"
"Gentle-mannered and good-natured."
Ambition--To be successful in whatever I do."
Activities--Athletic Manager, 1234; Band, 12; Music Festival, 1; "Athenian Sun," 4; Athenian 4; Honor Night, 1234.

CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of 1954, being in our right mind, do bequeathe and bequit, leave, give and get rid of the following things:

Dick Ahrenkiel--My knowledge of "Chevies" to John Richter and my ability to get good grades to Junior Tomlin.

Art Alkire--My good grades to Nancy and Barbara Hollis and my ability to get along with teachers to Butch Eden.

Marshall Baugher--My good looks to Jim Saffer and seat in study hall to my kid brother.

Norma Baugher--My position as a cheerleader to anyone who wants to have a lot of fun and my ability to read shorthand to Betty Holler.

Vernalee Becker--My place in the junior and senior plays to Barbara Noonan and my ability to keep out of detention to my brother Karl.

Donna Bennett--My place in band to Janet Letz and my ability to get the car to anyone who needs it.

Emily Brown--My pretty blue eyes to Alice Harris and my love of food to "Bobo."

Betty Clemens--My ability to have my parents as chaperones at all the parties to Margery Young, and my ability to get good grades to Delores Deckard.

Jo Ellyn Cline--My quiet ways in band to Sharon Jackson and my ability to keep out of detention to my two sisters Barbara and Judy.

Dick Conover--My part in the junior and senior plays to Jack Adkins and my weight to Dick Watts.

Kenny Critcheloe--My bench splinters to Orville Baugher and my good grades to Jerry Wasilewski.

Bonnie Ferguson--My "53" Pontiac to Darlene Hamilton and my skating ability to Shirley Elmore.

Lulabelle Ferguson--My height to Theresa Muller, and my ability to get along with the boys to Dorothy Marion.

Anna Forden--My thinness to Darlene Hamilton and my quiet ways to Patty Seipel.

Bob Freeman--My "Hot Plymouth" to Jack Adkins and my wife and kids to Lowell Powell.

Donna Graham--All my boy friends to Beverly Stinnett and my ability to get the family car to Margery Young.

Leann Grant--My height to Phyllis Jensen and my ability to go steady to Sharon Jackson.

Dorothy Hollis--My pencil losing ability to Donna Holler and my interest in Home Ec. to my sister, Nancy.

Bernie Jankauski--My abundant supply of excellent excuses and my Oldsmobile to Butch Eden and my punctuality to Loren Deckard.

Phyllis Jenkins--My diamond to Shirley Yoakum and my ability to get the truck to Darlene Hamilton.

Dean Jensen--My place on the basketball and track teams to Jerry Wasilewski and my hot Studebaker to Karl Becker.

Norman Mack--My hot "30" Ford to Karl Becker and my "Midnight Oil" to Jack Adkins.

Bonnie Manis--My ability to keep a steady to Sharon Jackson and my place in the band to Margery Young.

Mary Lou Markey--My athletic ability to Theresa Muller and my quiet ways to Mary Joyce Wasilewski.

Marilyn McCall--My ability to get along with my sister to Doris Weidhuner and my hair cut to Patsy Young.

Evan Miller--My "Chevie" Bel-Air to Jack Adkins and my place in detention to Harvey Wells.

Lee Neavill--My good looks to Mr. Gardner and my seat in study hall to Jim Saffer.

Martin Nevitt--My ability to go with the girls to Jack Adkins and my "Chevies" ability to outdrag all Fords to John Richter.

Jack Noonan--Whatever they can use to anyone who can use them and my part in the play to "Pete."

Joyce Rath--My Mercury and Chevie to Carol Ann Calvert and my left shoe to Shirley Yoakum.

Ronald Robison--The High School to the birds and my way with women to Matt Winterbauer.

Charles Seipel--My white shoes to Bob Walsh and my position as a senior to Junior Tomlin.

George Stier--My height to Loren Deckard and my love of "Chevies" to John Richter.

Katherine Weidhuner--My lop-sided desk in study hall to Dorothy Wethington and my jolly laugh to Barbara Hollis.

Darrell Wells--My excellent grades to "Dilly" and all the teachers to the meat grinder.

John Winterbauer--My height and good grades to Loren Deckard and my ability to keep out of detention to Karl Becker.

Glenn Woodrum--My ability to read funny books in the study hall without getting caught to Bob Walsh, and my seat in study hall to some "lucky" freshman.

David Young--My ability to keep out of detention to Karl Becker and my bashful ways to Harvey Wells.

1. John Winterbauer
2. Jo Ellyn Cline
3. Leann Grant and Dean Jensen
4. Kenneth Critcheloe
5. Donna Graham
6. Dick Conover
8. Lula Belle Ferguson
9. Norma Baugher
10. David Young
11. Lee Neavill
12. Ronald Robison
13. Marilyn McCall
14. Marshall Baugher
15. Martin Nevitt
16. Joyce Rath
17. Bonnie Manis
18. Betty Clemens
19. Phyllis Jenkins
20. Bonnie Ferguson
21. Anna Forden
22. Evan Miller
23. Mary Lou Markey
24. Darrell Wells
25. Norman Mack
26. Bob Freeman
27. Jack Noonan
28. Vernalee Becker
29. Dorothy Hollis
30. Richard Ahrenkiel
31. George Stier
32. Donna Bennett

CLASS PROPHECY

Ten years have passed since the class of '54 trudged through these halls. Today is the reunion of this class. The President of the United States, Dick Ahrenkiel, is here with his secretary, Leann Grant. His old opponent, the Senator from Wisconsin, Ronald Robison, is also present. They are busily discussing the state of the world in general with Arthur Alkire, Secretary of State, and his secretary, Dorothy Hollis.

Donna Graham, millionaire horse rancher from Texas is here with several of her employees: Emily Brown, her horse doctor, Mary Lou Markey, her special nurse, and two of her favorite cowboys, George Stier and Evan Miller. Just now the shrill sound of a siren breaks into the conversations as Bob Freeman drives up. World Times editor, Vernalee Becker, asks him if something is wrong. He replies that he is pursuing "Dangerous" Jack Noonan and his truck-driver, Glenn Woodrum, who are bootlegging whiskey. At this, Norman Mack, a detective, offers his help. They drive off with Joyce Rath, a general in the WAC'S.

Donna Bennett, fashion designer, is discussing the trend in women's clothes with Bonnie Ferguson, oil-well owner from California, Jo Ellyn Cline, opera singer, Norma Baugher, hula-hula dancer, Anna Forden, model, and Katherine Weidhuner, trapeze artist.

Marietta, Betty and Marilyn argue about what size family is hardest to raise. (Since each of them has at least six children, they are authorities on the subject.)

Bonnie Manis, state cooking champion, is giving some of her recipes to Lula Belle Ferguson, first lady chef at the Waldorf. And near them David Young, Manager of the Cardinals, and Kenneth Critcheloe, his best pitcher, talk sports with Dean Jensen, professional basketball player. Lee Neavill, jet flyer, and John Winterbauer, a lawyer, seem amused by it all.

Bernard Jankauski, maker of "Bernie's Best Rat-traps" is demonstrating one of them to Phyllis Jenkins, a stock-car driver, while Dick Conover, an actor, orders a new Chevrolet (the super car) from Marshall Baugher. Charles Seipel watches the whole scene lazily while he writes out his schedule for next year's classes at his ladies' finishing school.

Just now Darrell Well's television program has come on the air and we are all watching it. He has both the world's heavyweight championship in wrestling and the title in boxing.

As you can see, our senior class has made its mark upon the world. Perhaps the world will not be better for our having lived in it, but at least it will be more interesting--which is the main thing.

JUNIORS

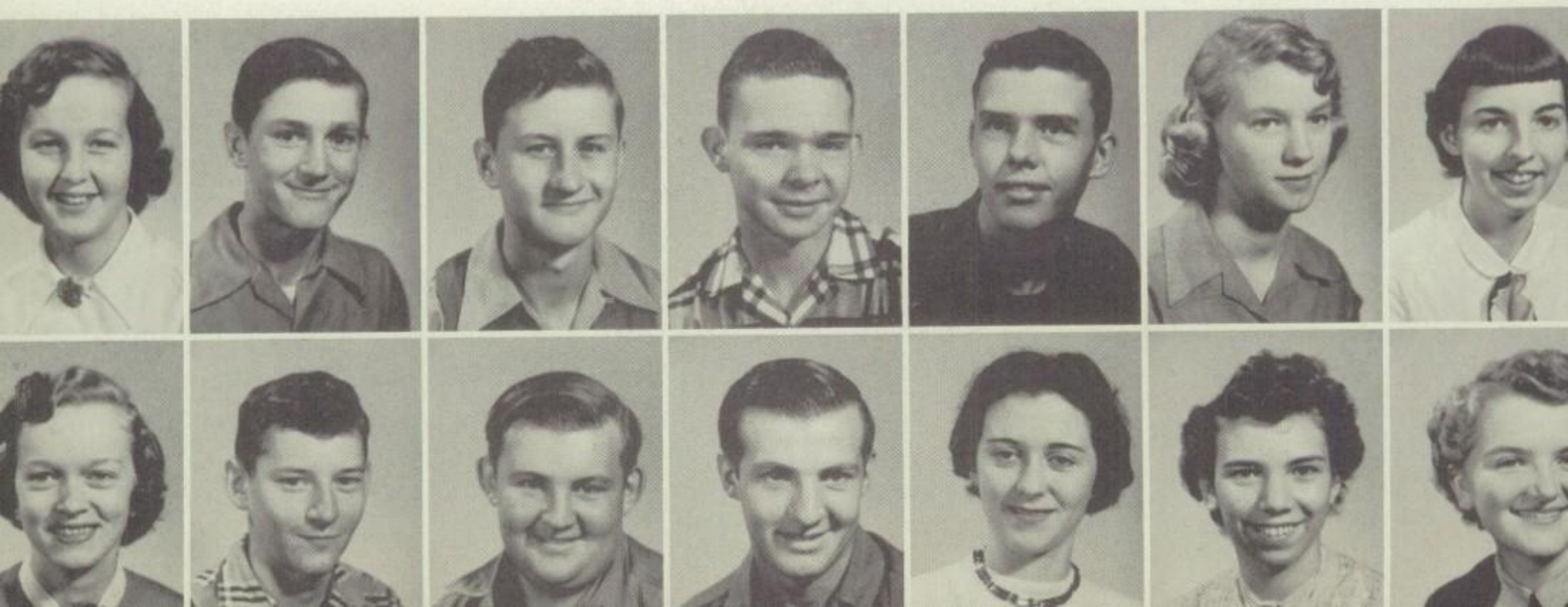
Jack Adkins, Wayne Barrington, Anna Boone, Judy Cline, Shirley Conner, Kenny Elliott, Russell Emmons.

Carolyn Fornoff, Howard Goodman, Sidney Grant, Darlene Hamilton, Kenny Hamlin, Delores Hendrickson, Gene Hiles.

Betty Holler, Richard Howard, Sharon Jackson, Alice Kent, Dean Kern, Twyla Letz, Janie McMartin.

Barbara Noonan, Ronald Oller, Lowell Powell, John Ricter, Jimmy Saffer, Dorothy Sanderfield, Beverly Stinnett.

Virginia Walkup, Bob Walsh, Dick Watts, Jim Watts, Linda Whittenburg, Shirley Yoakum, Margery Young.



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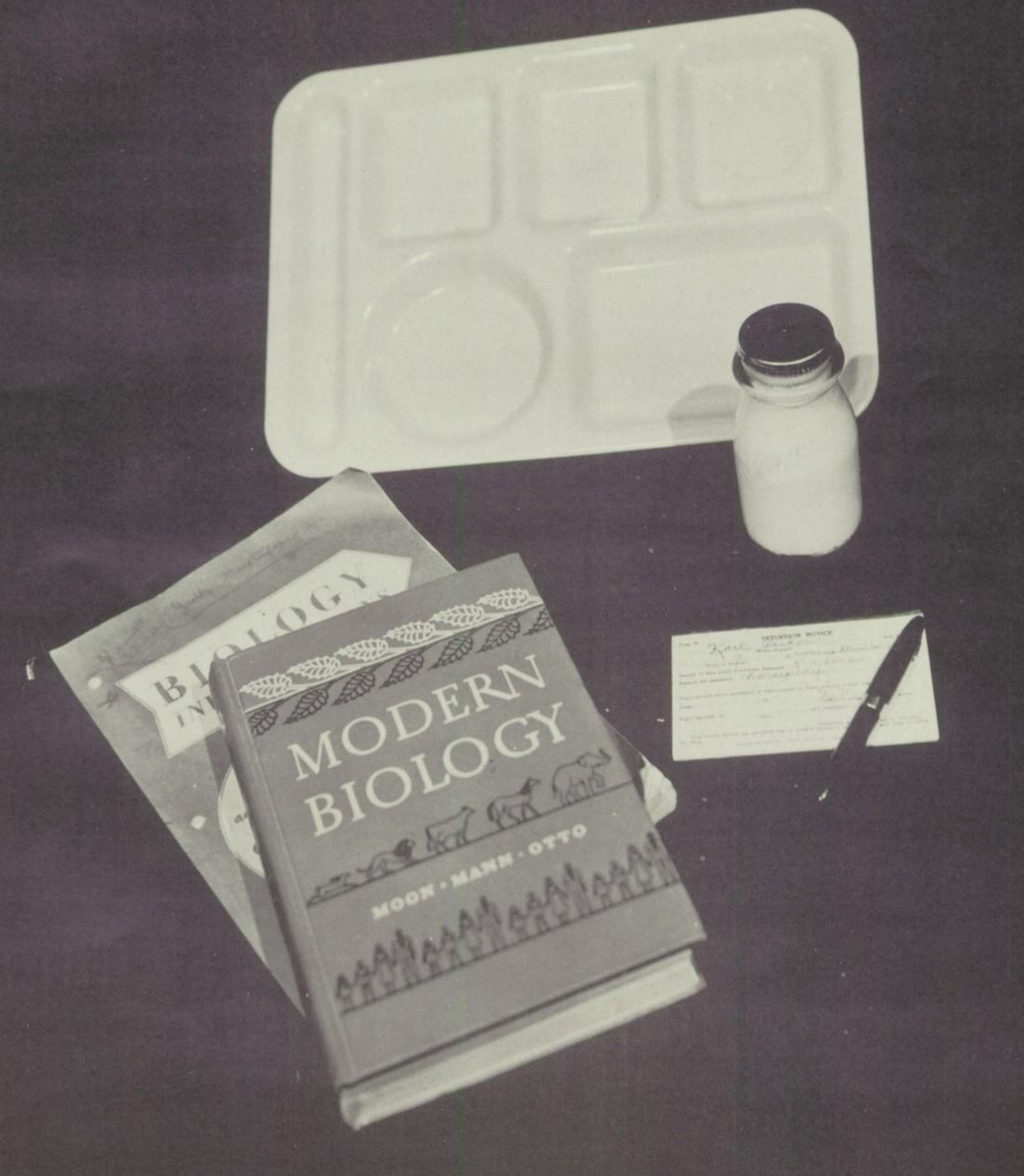

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ROW 2: Annette Bryant, Jackie Carter, Garry Chastain, Barbara Cline, Delores Deckard.

ROW 3: Buck Goodman, Mary Gragido.

ROW 4: Diana Graham, Judy Gustavson, Alice Harris, Dean Hendrikson, Bessie Holler.

ROW 5: Jim Hurt, Dale Ingram, Phyllis Jensen, Roberta Jones, Marlene Kern.

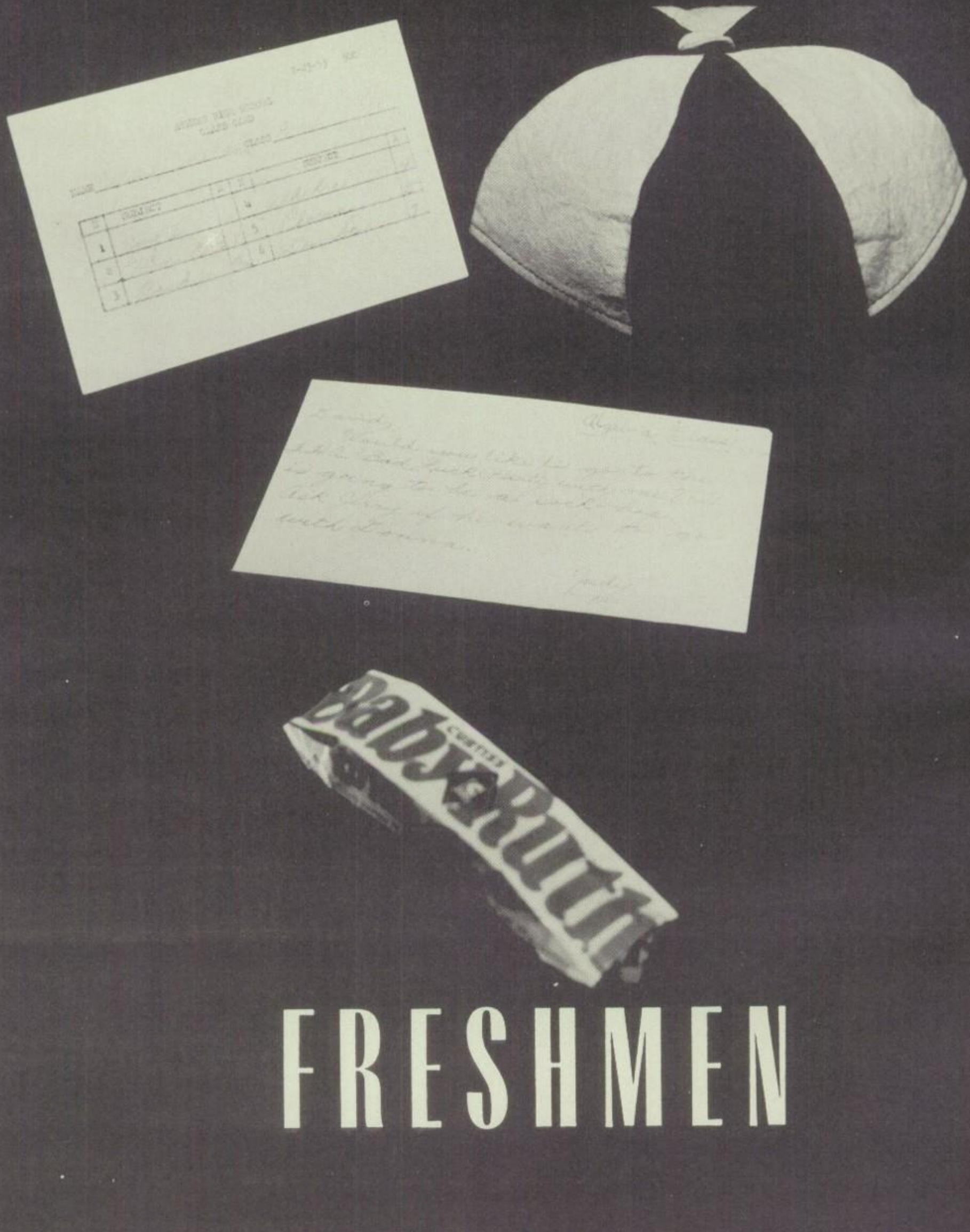
OW 1: Janet Letz, Peg Mack, Dorothy Marion, Donna McCall, George Muller.

OW 2: Theresa Muller, Paul Nevitt, Joan Novek, Herbert Pierceall, Nancy Pittman.

OW 3: Richard Pugsley, Betty Rogers, Phyllis Rust.

OW 4: Pat Seipel, Vernon Shartzer, Kenneth Simmons, Clarence Tomlin, Bonnie VanEman.

OW 5: Mary J. Wasilewski, Harvey Wells, Karen Wilcox, Matt Winterbauer, Deloris Wyatt.


Baby Ruth
FRESHMEN

Orville Baugher, Mary J. Beal, James Beaver, Dibby Brackham, Ronald Bryant, Carol Calvert.

Beverly Davis, Loren Deckard, Richard Dixon, Floyd Eden, John Elliott, Shirley Elmore.

Shirley Fawns, Walter Fornoff, Jimmy Frye, Nancy Grant, Mary Gratton, David Hackman.

Bill Harris, Donna Holler, Patsy Holler, Nancy Hollis, Bronnie Jones, Dillard Lassiter.

FRESHMEN NOT PICTURED: Barbara Hollis

Charles Lindsey, Merle Messersmith, Donna Meteer, Eddie Nichols, Rose Pierceall, Betty Sanderfield.

Joyce Sanderfield, Stanley Sharp, Bill Smith, Hermina Stier, Betty Stufflebeam, Richard Sybert.

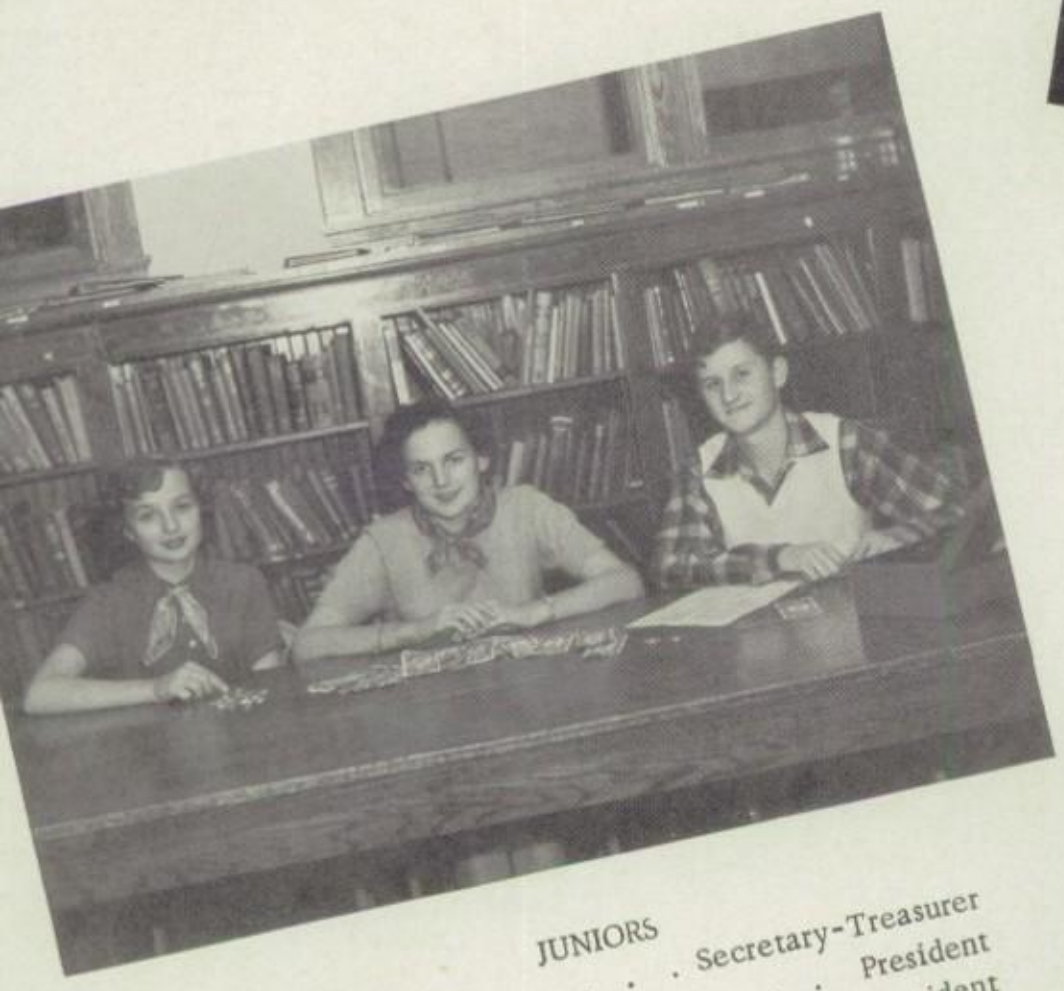
Arthur Tomlin, Jerry Wasilewski, Judy Wasilewski, Doris Weidhuner, Dorothy Wethington, Jimmy Wiker.

Norma Williams, Helen Wirth, Nancy Woods, Ester Wyatt, Robert Yoakum, Patsy Young.

CLASS OFFICERS

SENIORS

Dick Ahrenkiel . . . . . President
Donna Graham . . . . . Vice-President
Norman Mack . . . . . Secretary-Treasurer



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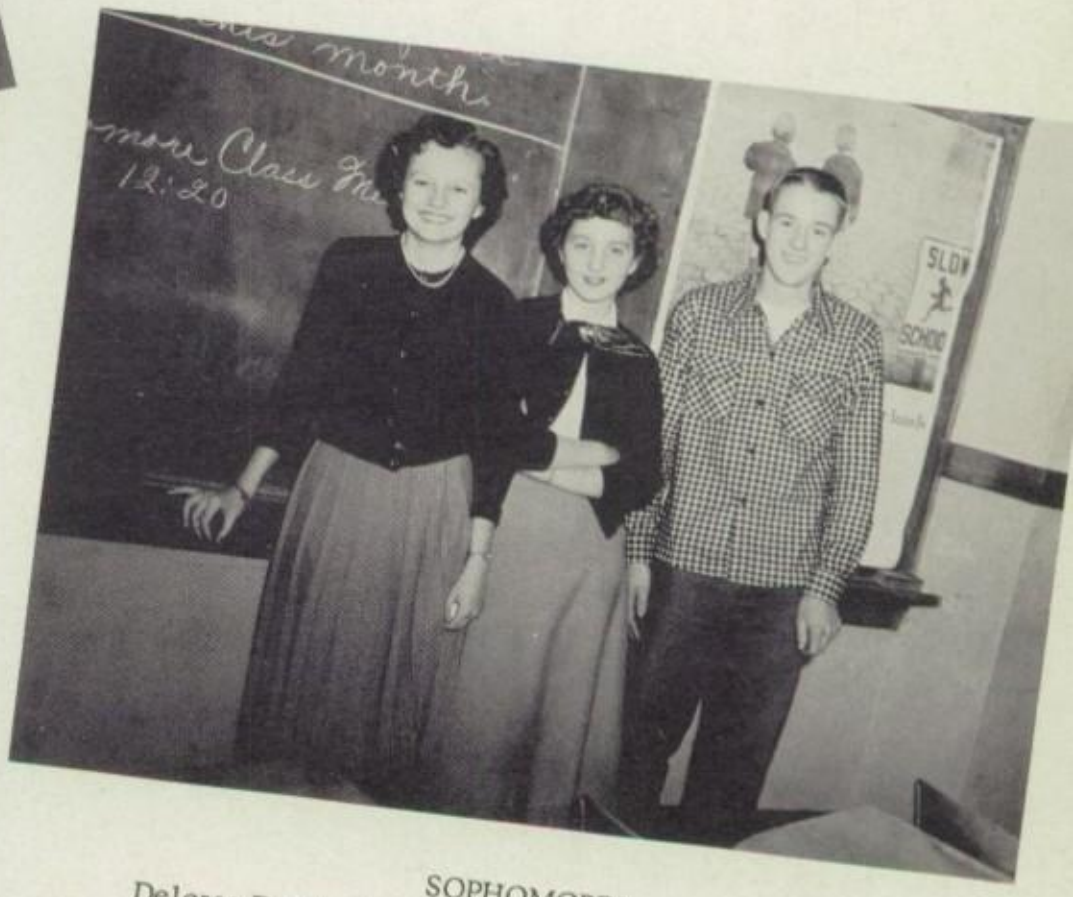

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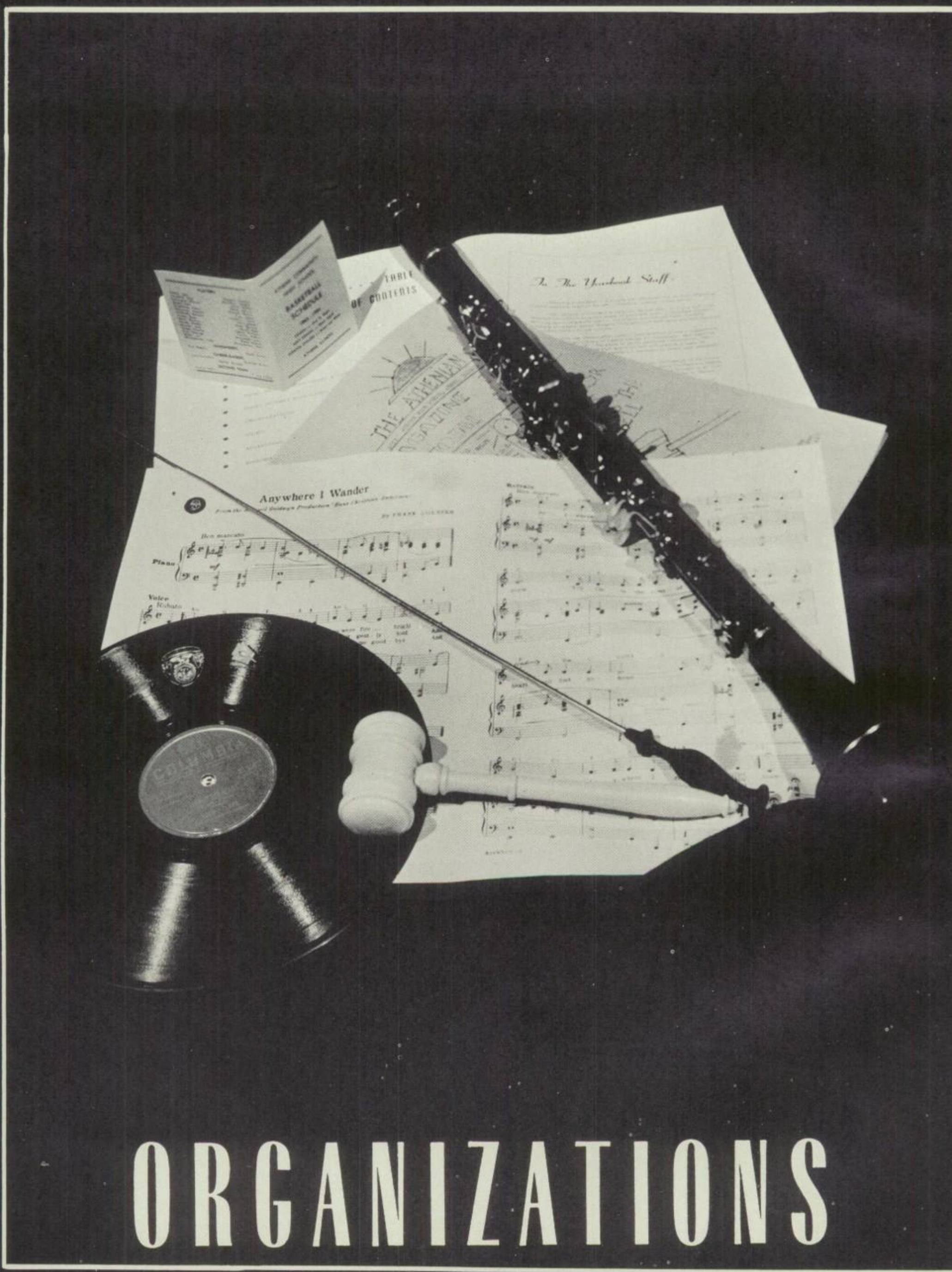
Delores Deckard . . . . . Secretary-Treasurer
Kathleen Becker . . . . . Vice-President
James Hurt . . . . . President

FRESHMEN

Judy Wasilewski . . . . . Treasurer
Johnny Elliott . . . . . President
Loren Deckard . . . . . Vice-President
David Hackman . . . . . Secretary



ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society, a national organization, was established to give special recognition to the students who were outstanding in their studies and in leadership, character, and service.

To become an honor member of the National Honor Society, students must maintain a "B" average for the first three years. There were ten of these honor members this year.

At the end of the fourth year, if the student has a "B" average and has excelled in leadership, character and service, he is made a permanent member. There were nine Seniors who qualified scholastically this year. It will be decided by the faculty whether these students are qualified for permanent membership.

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Byram, Emily Brown, Dean Jensen, Vernalee Becker, Dick Conover, Donna Graham, Marshall Baugher. SECOND ROW: Alice Kent, Kenny Elliott, Norman Mack, Jack Noonan, Lowell Powell, Judy Cline. BACK ROW: Barbara Noonan, Beverly Stinnett, Linda Whittenburg, Dick Ahrenkiel, Twyla Letz, Betty Holler, Margery Young.

STUDENT COUNCIL

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Gene Hiles, Donna Graham, Mr. McWilliams, Dick Ahrenkiel, Bob Freeman. SECOND ROW: Twyla Letz, Norman Mack, Dick Conover, John Winterbauer, Ken Critcheloe, Charles Lindsey. BACK ROW: Johnny Elliott, Richard Pugsley, Jimmy Hurt, Jim Saffer, Gary Chastain, Kenny Elliott.

The Student Council this year was more active than in previous years. They sponsored a Halloween Party for the whole school, which included the traditional king and queen, and, something new, a movie. The Student Council also sponsored a Christmas dance on December 16, Lou Hahn and his orchestra providing the music and comedy. The Student Council also authorized a committee to go before the school board to discuss the lighting system of the school.

The officers of the Student Council were: President, Dick Ahrenkiel; Vice President, Donna Graham; Treasurer, Bob Freeman; Secretary, Gene Hiles.

ATHENIAN STAFF

A few corny jokes by Dick Conover relieved the tension of meeting the four deadlines for Myers and Company. If you saw Dean Jensen or Dick Ahrenkiel driving around during school hours, they weren't skipping school. They were getting ads to finance the annual.

With the help of Miss Ihrig, many hours of work, rubber cement, typewriters, cameras, pencil erasers and a well-qualified staff, the seniors were able to produce the '54 Athenian.

We hope that the 200 people who received yearbooks enjoy them.

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Ingold, Advisor; Dick Conover, Assistant Editor; Vernalee Becker, Editor; Donna Graham, Subscription; Miss Ihrig, Advisor. SECOND ROW: Dean Jensen, Business Manager; Dick Ahrenkiel, Business Manager; Norman Mack, Business Manager. THIRD ROW: Jack Noonan, Production Assistant; Norma Baugher, Marilyn McCall, Marietta Holler, Subscription. BACK ROW: Jo Cline, Bonnie Manis, Joyce Rath, Emily Brown, David Young, Production Assistants.

"ATHENIAN SUN" STAFF

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Betty Holler, Artist; Miss Beattie, Sponsor; Gene Hiles, Co-Editor; Linda Whittenburg, Co-Editor; Mrs. Todd, Sponsor; Vernalee Becker, Production. SECOND ROW: Emily Brown, Production; Judy Cline, Junior Class Reporter; Bonnie Ferguson, Production; Jerry Wasilewski, Sports Reporter; Donna Bennett, Distribution; Joyce Rath, Production; Jo Cline, Production. THIRD ROW: Mary Markey, Production; David Young, Sports Reporter; Dean Jensen, Production; Phyllis Jensen, Gossip Reporter; Peggy Mack, Student Council Reporter; Virginia Walkup, Music Reporter; Bonnie Manis, Roving Reporter and Production. BACK ROW: Leann Grant, Distribution; Barbara Noonan, F. F. A. Reporter; Kathleen Becker, Sophomore Class Reporter; Lowell Powell, Book Review Reporter; Janie McMartin, Freshman Class Reporter; Delores Hendrickson, F. H. A. Reporter; Betty Clemens, Office News Reporter.

This year the ATHENIAN SUN staff was composed of twenty-seven students. The paper is a monthly production, with a distribution of two hundred thirty-five copies. The contents of the paper covered all of the district's activities and several features such as: Lowell's book review column, "Reading I've Liked;" Phyllis's Roving Reporter gossip column, "Hanging Out the Wash;" David and Jerry's sports; and Bonnie's "Roving Reporter" column. A very important part of the staff is the Art Editor, Betty Holler. She had the responsibility of designing the front page of the paper and taking care of all other pictures which appear in the paper. It was decided at the first of the school year that the front page would contain a head-line, a picture, and a news article. This was quite a change from the picture that had covered the front page in previous years. This year's editors who were appointed at the close of the '53 school year were Gene Hiles and Linda Whittenburg. Their task was to make assignments to the staff, collect and check all assignments, hold all meetings, prepare a dummy sheet, help with art work, and plan the contents of the paper. The editors received a great deal of advice and assistance from the paper's sponsors, Miss Beattie and Mrs. Todd.

This year the members of the staff had to earn their positions by writing an article. From these articles the staff members were chosen.

LIBRARIANS

Here equality exists--words of men and women of many races and of many countries rub shoulders. Neatly, they stand in rows awaiting your pleasure. Sports stories? A ghost story to enliven a basketball-less evening? Science enthusiasts, we have some books on atomic energy. For the "high-brow" there are always plays, works of Shakespeare and Chaucer, and poetry. The magazine shelf is one of the most popular features of the library. Here poor, over-worked students hunt for current events items with which to answer teachers' cruel questions. Yes, this is our library--a quiet place in which to renew friendships with comrades from other years, the great authors of the earth, a place to find renewed confidence, and the secret of ready laughter.

Several reforms in policy have taken place this year. A librarian has been appointed for before school and at noon duty. Fines are being collected, Mr. Todd and some of his staff have been busy repairing and labeling books.

We, of the library staff, hope that our service has met with your approval, and that we have served your needs in a most satisfactory manner.

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Delores Hendrickson, Barbara Noonan, Delores Deckard. SECOND ROW: Anna Boone, Marshall Baugher, Mr. Todd, Bessie Holler, Emily Brown. BACK ROW: Dick Conover, Dick Ahrenkiel, Bernie Jankauski, Arthur Alkire, Kenny Elliott.

F. H. A.

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: J. Cline, M. Young, V. Becker, D. Graham, B. Manis, Mrs. Baker. SECOND ROW: J. Williams, D. Bennett, A. Kent, L. Whittenburg, B. Holler, D. Hendrickson, B. Clemens, R. Jones, L. Grant. THIRD ROW: J. Cline, E. Brown, J. Novek, S. Fawns, S. Conner, S. Jackson, J. Meteer, B. Cline, A. Bryant, A. Boone, C. Calvert, N. Grant. FOURTH ROW: J. Rath, B. Van Eman, D. Wethington, N. Hollis, D. Holler, P. Seipel, S. Yoakum, B. Noonan, H. Wirth, M. Wasilewski, B. Rogers, C. Fornoff. FIFTH ROW: J. McMartin, V. Walkup, B. Hollis, B. Sanderfield, J. Sanderfield, P. Holler, P. Young, M. Beal, H. Stier, N. Baugher, D. Deckard, K. Becker, J. Wasilewski. BACK ROW: M. Markey, T. Letz, S. Elmore, P. Mack, D. Graham, K. Wilcox, T. Muller, J. Letz, P. Jensen, P. Rust, N. Pittman, B. Holler, D. Sanderfield, J. Gustafson, M. McCall.

The Athens Chapter of Future Homemakers of America met the second Wednesday of every month. Their money-making projects were: selling Christmas cards, wax, and sponsoring a movie at the Alvin Theater, "Dangerous When Wet."

On Saturday, October 3, 1953, six girls, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Gard attended the House of Delegates meeting at Jacksonville, Illinois.

National F. H. A. Week was observed November 1-7.

On Friday, November 13, the F. H. A. sponsored a Bad Luck Party. Each member could bring a guest. Games were played and refreshments were served.

The F. H. A. also sponsored the annual pre-school Christmas party. Each member could invite one pre-school child. A good time was enjoyed by all the little tots. They all received a gift from Santa Claus.

Special projects for the year were: sending gifts to children in foreign countries, giving two Thanksgiving baskets, giving sacks of cookies and candy to Sunny Acres for Christmas and giving Easter favors to the children's ward in the hospital.

On February 5 came the candlelight initiation and emblem service.

In the spring came installation of officers for the coming year and also a style show. Several of the girls modeled things they had made during the past year.

President -- Donna Graham
Vice President -- Vernalee Becker
Secretary -- Bonnie Manis
Treasurer -- Margery Young
Chapter Mother -- Mrs. Agnes Grant

1. F. H. A. Santa Claus 2. Meeting is now adjourned 3. Seniors cut out patterns on gym floor 4. Officers examine the program booklets 5. Sophomores study breakfast habits 6. Part of our Home Ec instruction 7. Typical F. H. A.. meeting, at which Chapter mother, Mrs. Grant, lower left, speaks.

F.F.A.

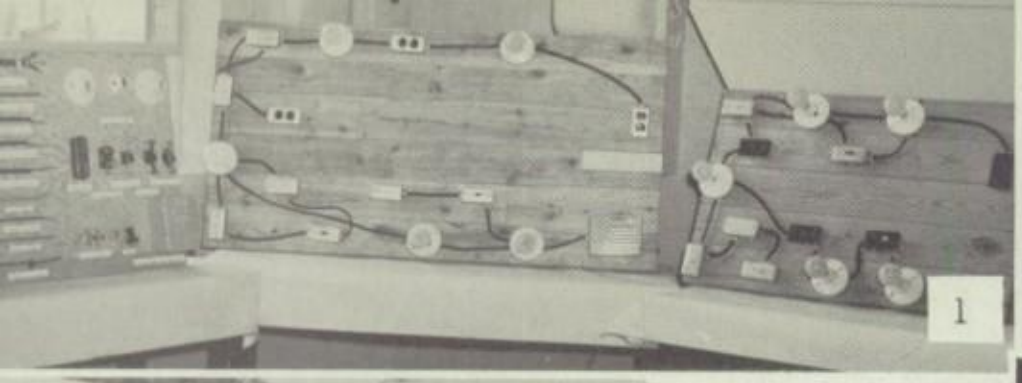
FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Jack Adkins, Kenny Elliott, Jimmy Saffer, John Winterbauer, George Stier, Mr. Gardner. SECOND ROW: Johnny Elliott, Dean Hendrikson, David Hackman, Jimmy Frye, Marshall Baugher, Barbara Noonan, Sidney Grant, Gary Chastain, Jimmy Wiker, Richard Dixon. THIRD ROW: Gene Hiles, Kenny Simmons, Howard Goodman, Dale Ingram, Jim Watts, Lee Neavill, Clarence Tomlin, John Richter, Walter Fornoff. BACK ROW: Jimmy Hurt, Darrell Wells, Jack Noonan, Bill Smith, Dean Kern, Matthew Winterbauer, Karl Becker, Dick Watts, Norman Mack, Kenneth Critcheloe.

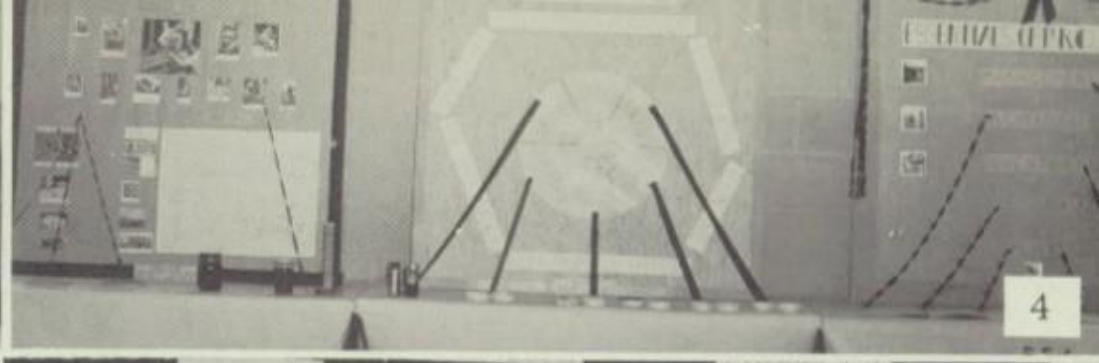
There were 35 members in F. F. A. this year. Their chief means of making money was the ice cream machine. They participated in several judging contests in which they did very well. They also carried out a program to create more interest in the organization.

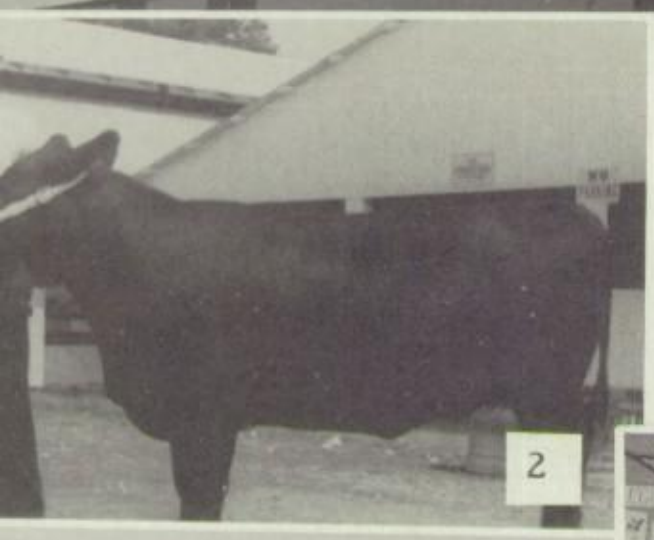
Most of their meetings were held during the school activity period. They also enjoyed educational films and various speakers at their night meetings.

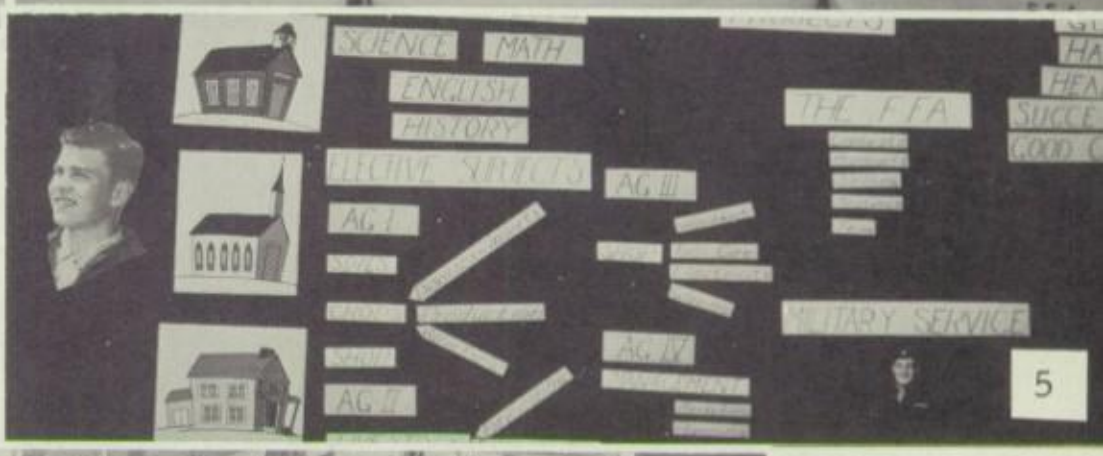
The officers were:

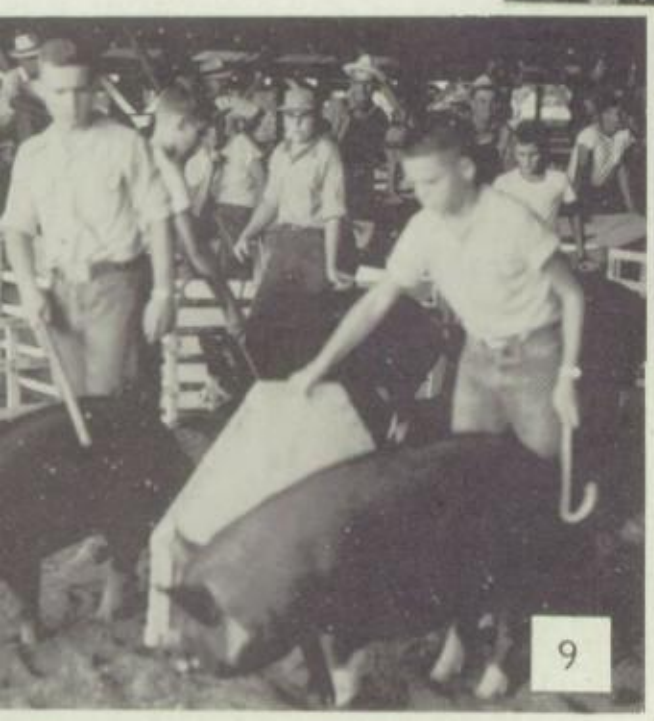
President	John Winterbauer
Vice President	George Stier
Sec.-Treas.	Jim Saffer
Reporter	Kenny Elliott
Sentinel	Jack Adkins











1. Wiring board exhibits 2. John and his Milking Shorthorn 3. Blue ribbon coming up 4. Exhibits at the F. F. A. banquet 5. High school "ag" 6. Exhibits at the F. F. A. banquet 7. Officers at attention 8. Lowell and his Angus 9. Got a prize winner, John? 10. Marshall's Spotted Polands 11. Showing off your project? 12. County fair 13. Pretty good Hamps, Darrell

BAND

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: V. Becker, P. Jensen, K. Becker, R. Grant, G. Hiles, L. Powell, M. Shurager, P. Gard, H. Wirth, B. Stinnett, L. Whittenburg, K. Becker. SECOND ROW: J. Saffer, P. Mack, T. Letz, K. Wilcox, J. Cline, D. Jensen, S. Jackson, J. Cline, V. Walkup, J. McMartin, C. Calvert, J. Letz, B. Van Eman, R. Oller, D. Jensen, N. Pittman, D. Bennett, D. Hendrickson, S. Grant. THIRD ROW: N. Grant, J. Meteer, D. McCall, M. McCall, L. Grant, J. Richter, D. Conover, B. Cline, R. Jones, C. Richter, E. Gard, V. Shartzer, D. Graham, B. Noonan, D. Graham, R. Pugsley, B. Clemens, N. Woods, A. Kent, J. Adkins, M. Young.

Third period was the favorite period for all fifty three of the high school band members. Even though the new point system, which allowed for no gum chewing, talking, poor posture, "monkey business" and tardiness, went into effect early this year, everyone had fun in that class. The six grade school students helped out at our fall, Christmas, and spring concerts, and at the contest which was held in the spring.

The first event in the year for the band was the Abe Lincoln Festival in October. The most enjoyed piece of the evening was "Born to Be Free", the grand finale.

Many practice periods were required to perfect routines for half-time marching at basketball games. A Cross, church, boat, and tepee were formed at the Springfield game. Drills and a clown routine were featured at other games. Anna Boone and Carolyn Fornoff were the two majorettes this year.

The three new instruments -- bass clarinet, trombone, and baritone saxophone added greatly to the instrumentation of the band and helped when contest time rolled around. Besides the many solos that went to the contest, the band sent two clarinet quartets, a saxophone quartet, French horn quartet, woodwind trio, flute trio and a cornet trio.

Mr. Mac was very pleased with his band when they received in 1953 a I Superior at the district contest and a II at the state. Much credit should be given to the Band Boosters for the moral and financial support that they have given to the band. The band committee who planned the programs for the ball games and concerts was: President, Vernalee Becker; Vice President, Margery Young; Secretary, Twyla Letz; Treasurer, Judy Cline.

Soloists for district contest

Both clarinet quartets

Flute trio and woodwind trio

Officers sort music

Saxophone trio and saxophone quartet

Ronnie, Marg, and Karl
and their new instruments

Clarinet-flute duet

One-two-three-four...
The "A"

Grade-school band
Trumpet trio and French horn quartet

CHORUS

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: S. Fawns, S. Grant, R. Howard, R. Pugsley, Miss Ihrig, G. Hiles, J. Richter, J. Cline. SECOND ROW: L. Grant, J. Williams, N. Grant, C. Calvert, R. Britz, H. Stier, A. Boone, J. Cline, R. Jones. THIRD ROW: B. Cline, A. Harris, N. Hollis, H. Wirth, B. Noonan, J. Wasilewski, D. Holler, B. Sanderfield, C. Fornoff, S. Jackson. FOURTH ROW: C. Barrington, D. Bennett, D. Weidhuner, K. Becker, D. Deckard, B. Hollis, K. Weidhuner, M. Holler, J. Rath, B. Ferguson. FIFTH ROW: M. Young, J. McMartin, V. Walkup, A. Kent, B. Manis, M. Markey, D. Graham, P. Young, S. Yoakum, M. Beal, P. Seipel. LAST ROW: J. Gustafson, M. Kern, N. Pittman, P. Rust, T. Muller, J. Letz, P. Jensen, V. Becker, K. Wilcox, D. Graham, S. Elmore, T. Letz.

Five brave boys added their bass and tenor to the voices of fifty-five girls who made up this year's entire chorus.

They were kept quite busy all during the year by their director, Miss Ihrig. They participated in the Abe Lincoln Festival along with chorus members from Easton, Forman, Greenview, Mason City, Petersburg, San Jose, and Williamsville. The many voices sang well known songs such as "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home," "Oklahoma," "Charlie is My Darling," "Hear My Prayer," and many others.

On the evening of December 21, the chorus presented a cantata, "Petit Noel." In the spring they gave their selections in the contest and later in the season, they held their spring concert.

At the time when the seniors of the chorus class are receiving their diplomas, they will give their last assistance to the chorus at the baccalaureate and commencement exercises.

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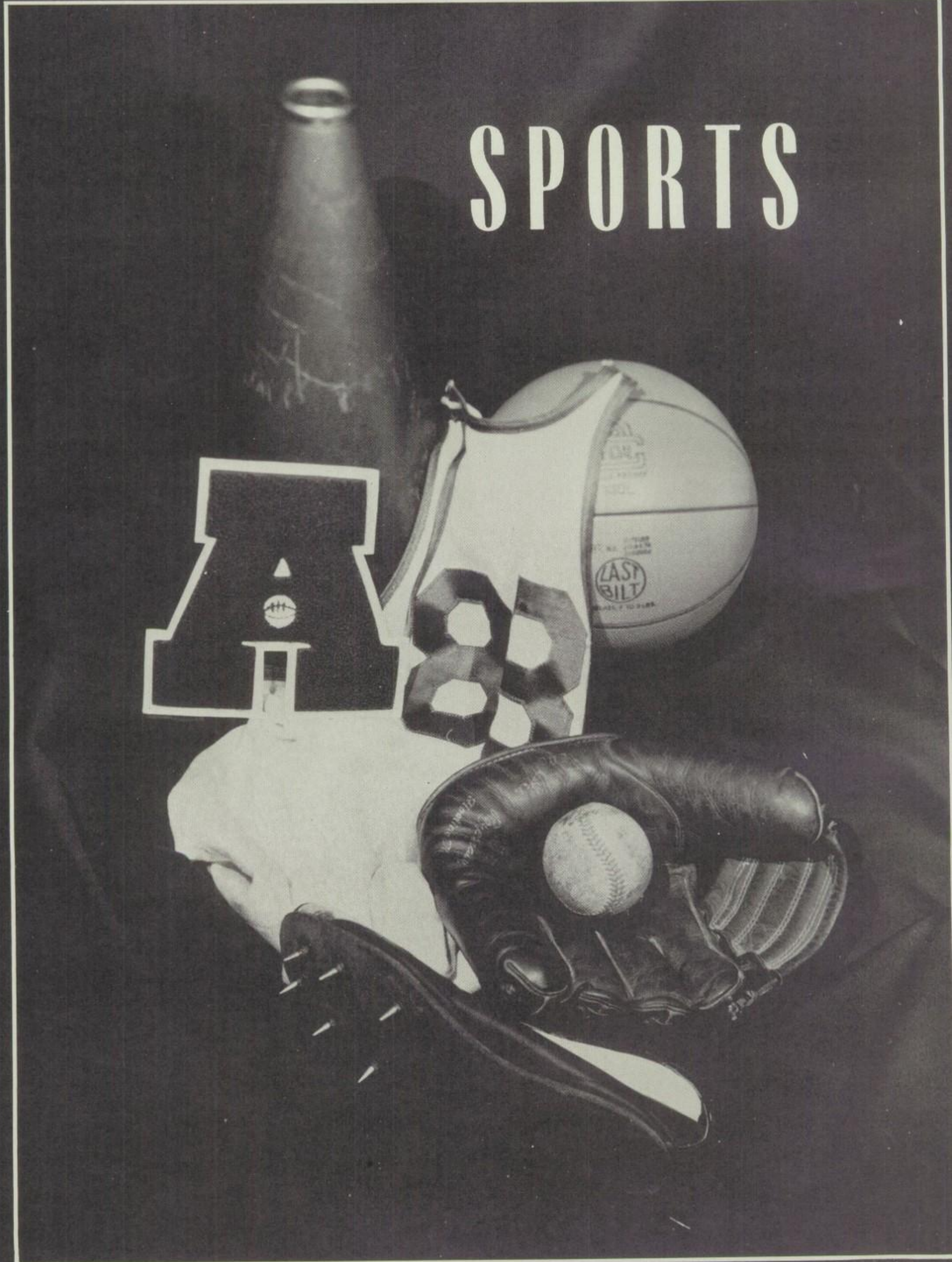
1. Chorus class - fifth hour 2. "Petit Noel" 3. French villagers in cantata 4. Angels 5. Three kings in cantata 6. Cline trio, girls' sextet, mixed quartet 7. Vocal soloists--district contest 8. Sharon, Donna, Margery, Vernalee ---accompanists at work 9. Third hour chorus tries a new one

SPORTS



BASEBALL

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Coach Ragle, J. Wasilewski, K. Critcheloe, M. Nevitt, J. Winterbauer, N. Mack, P. Nevitt, J. Hurt, B. Freeman. BACK ROW: R. Pugsley, O. Baugher, D. Conover, D. Jensen, J. Adkins, D. Ahrenkiel, D. Hackman, D. Young.

September 8 - Here - ATHENS BEATEN BY TRI-CITY IN OPENER

The Athens Warriors lost their first baseball game of the season to Tri-City by a score of 2-1. Ahrenkiel and Critcheloe divided the pitching chores, with Ahrenkiel being charged with the defeat. Critcheloe led the hitting department with a triple.

September 11 - There - ATHENS TROUNCES WILLIAMSVILLE

The Warriors won their first baseball game of the season by handing Williamsville an 11 to 1 set back. Kenny Critcheloe pitched the finest game of the season for the Warriors. The hitting department was led by Martin Nevitt who banged out two doubles and Kenny Critcheloe who got a double and a tremendous home run.

September 17 - There - ATHENS LOSES SECOND DECISION

Athens lost a close decision to Greenview by a score of 4 to 3 despite successive home runs by Kenny Critcheloe and Martin Nevitt. Jack Adkins was the losing pitcher.

September 18 - Here - ATHENS DEFEATED BY WILLIAMSVILLE

Williamsville got revenge from an earlier defeat from the Warriors by defeating them 4 to 2. Kenny Critcheloe again led the hitting of the Warriors by getting a single and a home run. Critcheloe also was charged with defeat.

September 22 - There - ATHENS CONTINUES LOSING STREAK

The Warriors were handed their third straight defeat by dropping a 7 to 2 decision to Easton. Losing pitcher was Dick Ahrenkiel.

September 24 - There - ATHENS EDGES TRI-CITY

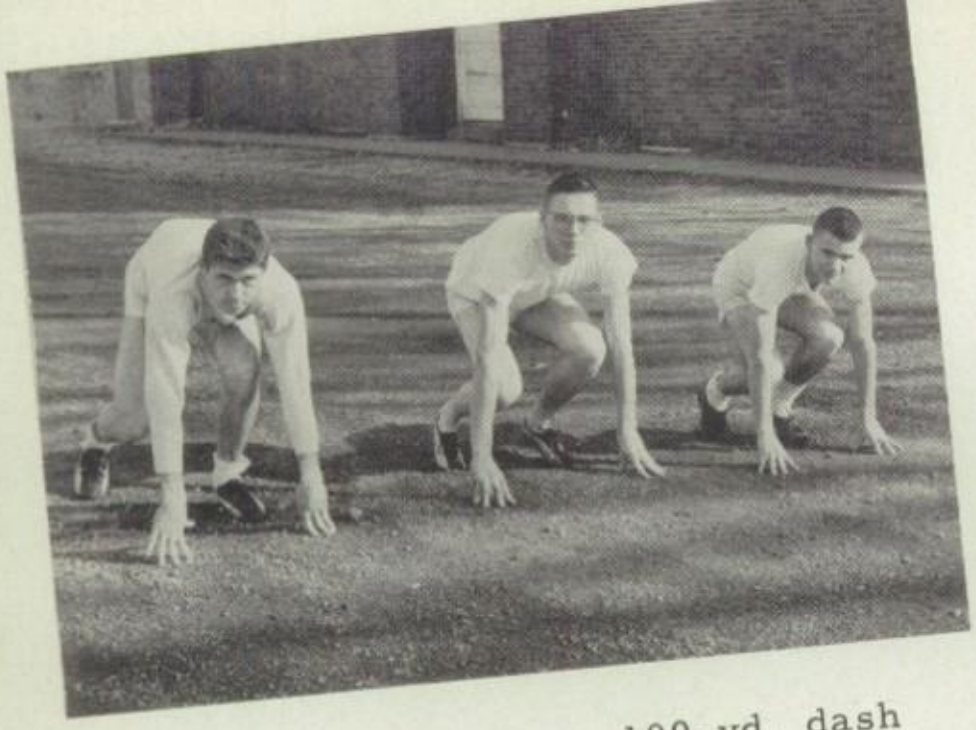
Athens broke their three game losing streak by handing Tri-City a 3 to 2 defeat. Clutch pitching by Kenny Critcheloe saved the game for the Warriors.

September 25 - There - ATHENS DOWNS ASHLAND

The Warriors won their third game of the season and second in a row by defeating Ashland 12 to 7. Jack Adkins was the winning pitcher and he also led the hitting department by getting 3 singles, a double and a home run in five times at bat.

September 30 - There - ATHENS LOSES TOURNEY OPENER

Mason City ended the Warriors' baseball season and any hopes for a conference tittle by trouncing them 19 to 3. Kenny Critcheloe was the losing pitcher.



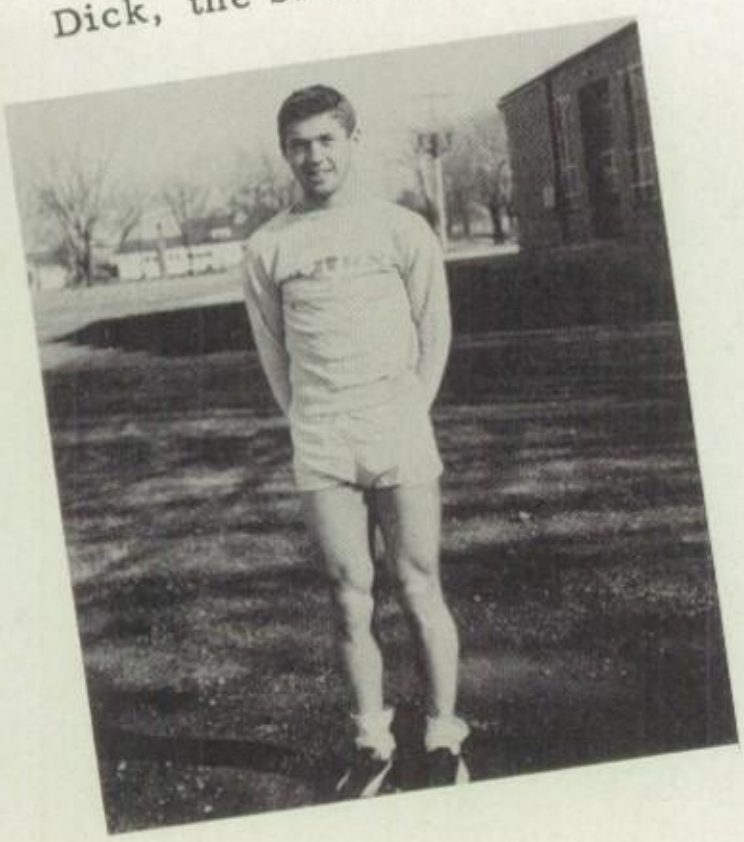
Dick, John, Jerry -- 100-yd. dash

"Pole-vault kids" . . . Jerry and Howar

Mart and Chick, shot put and discus

Dean, Jack, Jim . . . mile runners

Dick, the broad jumper



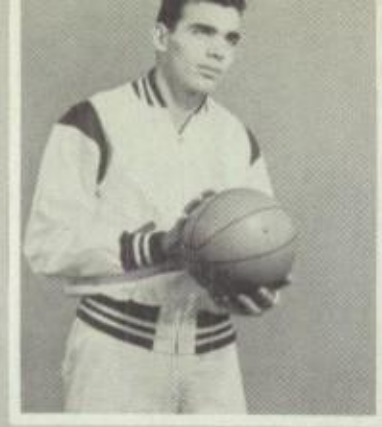
TRACK

Norman hurdles a hurdle

BASKETBALL

SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT: Jim Watts, Kenny Critcheloe, Dick Ahrenkiel, Norman Mack, Karl Becker, John Winterbauer, George Stier, Dean Jensen, Chick Seipel, Jack Noonan, Jack Adkins, Howard Goodman. STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Coach Ingold, Manager, Dave Young, Dibby Brackham, Johnny Elliott, Bronnie Jones, Dick Sybert, Jimmy Hurt, Matt Winterbauer, Paul Nevitt, Harvey Wells, Eddie Nichols, David Hackman, Jerry Wasilewski, Dicky Dickson, Manager, Richard Pugsley, Coach Ragle.

November 17	-	Athens tops San Jose in opener 39 to 38
November 20	-	Athens whips Riverton 51 to 44
November 25	-	Athens defeated by old rival, Springfield, 43 to 41
December 1	-	Athens defeats their ancient rival Petersburg 45 to 39
December 4	-	Athens puts on comeback to defeat Lanphier 62 to 61
December 8	-	Athens defeats Forman 52 to 45
December 11	-	Athens drubs Feitshans 68 to 44
December 15	-	Athens defeats stubborn Greenview five 65 to 61
December 18	-	Athens set back by Mt. Pulaski by 61 to 46 score
December 29	-	Athens victor in Paris opener by a 55 to 42 win over Lewiston
December 31	-	Athens downed by Benton 42 to 39 in Paris Tourney
January 8	-	Athens overpowered by hot-shooting Jacksonville; lose by 74 to 48 score
January 9	-	Athens wins on two foul shots; triumph over Mt. Olive 25 to 23
January 11-16	-	Athens wins opener in A-G Tourney jolt Ashland 61 to 39 Virginia swamped in semi-final; Warriors produce 72 to 39 victory. Athens wins A-G Tourney; defeats Greenview 70 to 55 in final.
January 19	-	Athens rolls over Easton 66 to 42
January 22	-	Athens walloped by Mason City by 66 to 48 score
January 26	-	Athens jolts Elkhart 62 to 26
January 27	-	Athens loses to Cathedral 52 to 46
February 2	-	Athens drubs Niantic 73 to 40
February 11	-	Athens whips Williamsville 61 to 43
February 16	-	Athens runs away from Routt by 72 to 52 score
February 19	-	Athens defeats Waverly 65 to 45 for fourth victory in a row
February 23	-	Athens jolts Tri-City 50 to 31 in annual honor night game
March 3	-	Athens wins first Regional game, defeats Petersbury 61 to 44
March 4	-	Athens season ends as Mason City defeats Warriors 54 to 37 Won 20, lost 7

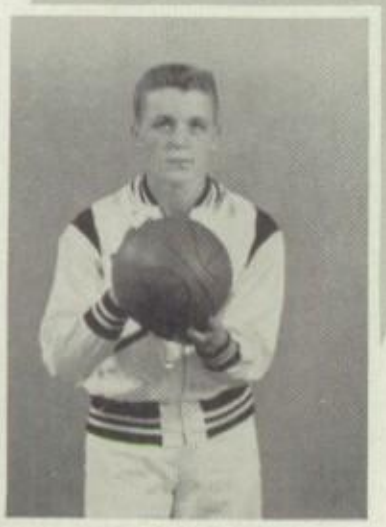


"Chick"

"Dean"

"Norman"

"Dick"



"Karl"

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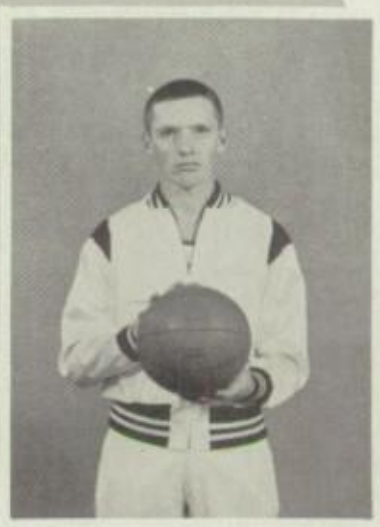
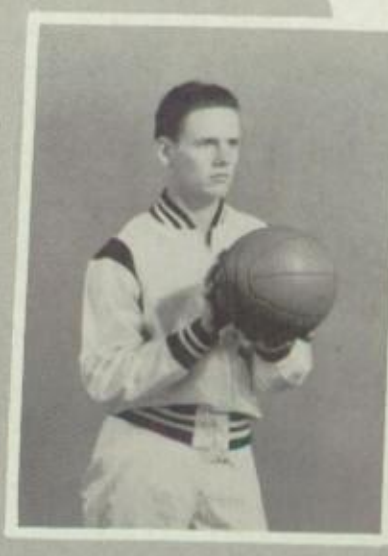


"John"

"Howard"



"Dave"

"Coach"

"Dick"

"Kenny"

"Matt"

Judy Gustafson

Kathleen Becker

CHEERLEADERS

Norma Baugher

Nancy Hollis

Donna Holler

Lou Hahn plays "Mexican Hat Dance"

Beverly Gabbert retires as Donn
receives her crown

Donna Graham--
Honor Night Queen

Vernalee attends
the queens

Ready for the coronation

The tip-off with Tri-City

Line of March

Dick Dixon	Jo Ellyn Cline
Leann Grant	Jerry Wasilewski
Johnny Elliott	Emily Brown
Donna Bennett	Dibby Brackham
David Hackman	Joyce Rath
Dorothy Hollis	Howard Goodman
James Hurt	Donna Holler
Patsy Young	Janie McMartin
Paul Nevitt	Bonnie Manis
Mary Markey	Harvey Wells
Bronnie Jones	Phyllis Jenkins
Bonnie Ferguson	Richard Sybert
Jack Adkins	Judy Cline
Norma Baugher	Karl Becker
Matthew Winterbauer	Marian Richardson

SENIORS

Judy Gustafson	Kenny Critcheloe
Jack Noonan	Nancy Hollis
Linda Whittenberg	Dick Ahrenkiel
Chick Seipel	Shirley Connor
Kathleen Becker	Dean Jensen
Norman Mack	Mary Sandidge
Patty Seipel	John Winterbauer
George Stier	Betty Clemens

LETTER AND CROWN BEARERS

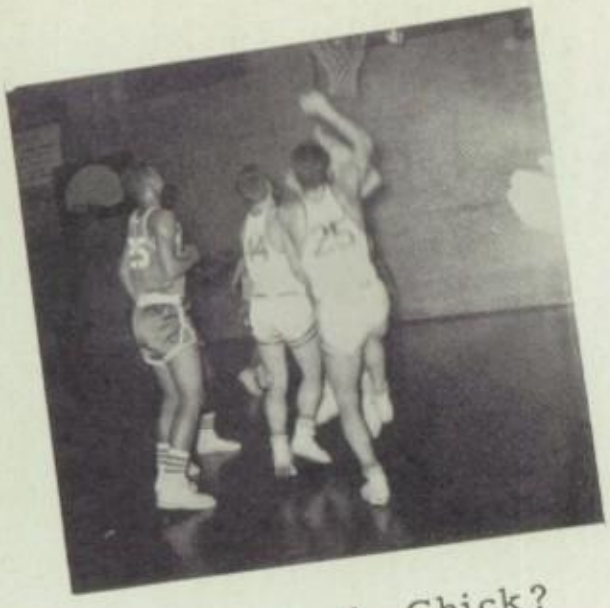
David Young--Mgr. Bill Smith--Mgr.

ATTENDANT AND RETIRING QUEEN

Vernalee Becker Beverly Gabbert

QUEEN

Donna Graham



Is it good, Chick?
Feitshans game

Is this a huddle?

Captain Jensen receives first place trophy in Athens Greenview Tournament.

Is it long or short? Lamphier game.

Volleyball playoff. . . Ended in a three way tie

New Manager Bill Smith with old-timer Dave.

Sophomore cheerleaders practice hard

Freshman general science class

Nancy, Jean, Helen, and Ester ready for dessert

Donna, Carol, and Jean wait for their Athenian Sun copies

Nancy, Barbara, Nancy, and Patsy. Home Ec girls model their jumpers.

General Math

Dinner time for freshmen

Gary, Dale, Kenny, and Dean study animal diseases

All for biology

Mary and Delores try out new towel machines

Buy me a pencil, please, George

Music! Music! Music!

Good librarians, right?

unior hamburger fry

"Dance with the dolly"?

"Put Another Nickel In"

What's the matter, Twyla?

Junior big shots

American history. Is it hard, Barb?

Junior party - "Bunny Hop"

Junior English class

A lasting friendship

"Tell him off," a scene from "Meet Me in St. Louis"

Which is the dummy?

Art, Bernie and their '32.

Bonnie helps the business

Mary Sandidge, a three and a half year student at Athens who spent the first semester of her senior year at Sacred Heart Academy.

Marian Richardson, a transfer student from Tallula, is a senior this year.

Out of the past-"We Shook the Family Tree"- Junior play, 1952-3.

Robert "La Rosa" Freeman returns home.

John and Janet at
Halloween party

Halloween masquerade

Merry Christmas, Donna

Are the carrots good, Bugs?

Queen Marilyn wishes to kiss King Martin

"Gab session"

"Louis" and "Wolcott"

Mr. Byram, Dottie, and Mr. Mac

Tired, Frosty?

Hurry, it's about lunch-time

Mr. Ingram and Mr. Boone, night watchmen

Oh, boy, barbecues! (Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Adkins)

Our bus drivers

"And if I'm elected....!"

Dr. purchases - cr. cash

Girls keep their distance in biology

"Stranger in Paradise"

"Allis - Chalmers - Jr."

Sing pretty

The Necklace Is Mine, double exposure

Jailbirds

Need any help?

"Officers mess"

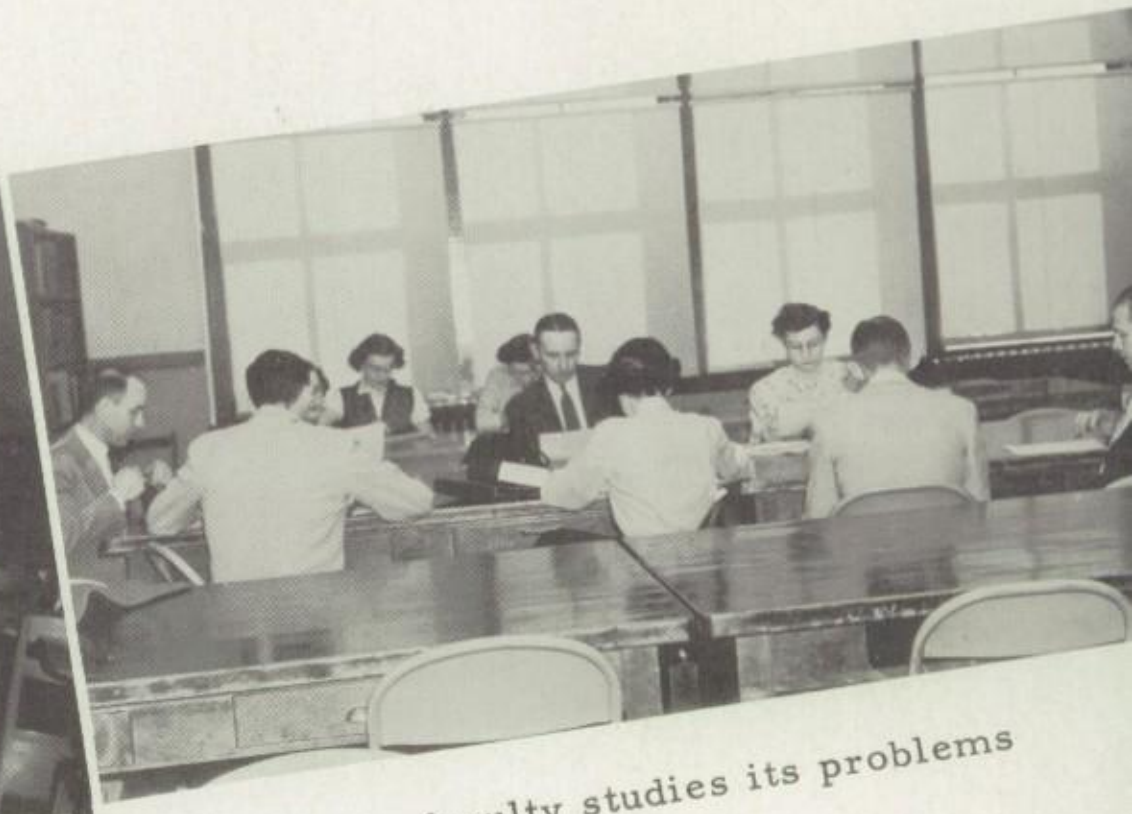
The line-up

Interesting film, huh?

Reserved seats

Take your pick, Tootie!

Anybody AWOL?



The faculty studies its problems

Geniuses at work!

County School Superintendent,
Miss Pauline Meyer

Best wishes to class '54--Athens Free Press

Geo. C. Whitney--Insurance, Real Estate

Art Kent, Bulldozing, ditching, saw milling

Max Hendrickson--Your milk hauler

Indian Point limestone products

Charles Fisher--Limestone hauler

For Better television--C. C. Alkire

Cantrall's Clover Farm Store

Walker Stone Co. Dial 2-6654 Springfield

Drake--Scruggs Equipment Co. By-Pass 66

Watkins Cafe and Pine Room--Petersburg

Pete Deckard--Farm Bureau

J. Kennedy Kincaid, Jr., Stock Farm

Glenn Brown--Hereford Cattle

H. N. Black & Sons--Gen. Hardware

Fancy Prairie Co-op Co.

Jefferies Orchard

Culver Elevator

Grieme Bros.

Hub Clothiers

Herff Jones Co.

Hall Beauty Shop

Kenneth L. Baugher

Gambles, Petersburg

Arnetts Feed Store

Lindley Floral Co.

Grays Restaurant

Ray's Brand Products

Canteen Service Co.

H. B. Wilson, Inc.

Grant Bros. Trucking

Curry's Store

Eddy Coal Co.

Canterbury Seed Co.

Kopp's Cafe

THANKS to our PATRONS

Athens Stone Quarry

Jensen Bros. Ford Dealer

Farmer's Lumber Co.

Hannibal's Grocery

Mott & Son, Funeral Home

Athens State Bank

Calvert's Barber Shop

Conner's Cafe

Thos. L. Cantrall

Dr. G. R. Satorious--Veterinarian

Blankenberg Photographers, Inc.

Gateway Paper & Supply Co.

Simmon's Super Market

Ahrenkiel Motor Sales

John Harms

"Wimpy" Brookshier Garage

Dr. G. S. Van Wormer, D. D. S.

Evelyns Gro., Chuck's Barber Shop, Fancy Prairie

T. E. Sample, Barber Shop--Ill. First Hi. Way Shop

Al Culver, Breeding Stock--Phone 6540

Hollis S. Powers, D. D. S., Petersburg

Robbins Co., Dry Goods, Petersburg

Harold Baugher, Hardware & Imp., Greenview

Brunk & Sapp, YourFarm & Home Store

Arch Wilson, Inc., Springfield

Stuart Broadwell Co.

Sweet & Canterbury Seed Co.

Stouts Jewelers, Springfield

Hayes Hatchery-Dial 3-4932

Balestri's Grill, Springfield

Rath Builder's Service

Norside Restaurant

Midwest Feed Grain Co.

Fishmans Sporting Goods

GRADES

ATHENS

GRADE ONE: Miss Peterson
BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Harry Nichols, J. E. Crenshaw, Juliana Hackman, Linda Abel, Ruth Ann Huffman, Mike Cantrall, Barbara Peterson, Susan Wasilewski, Barbara Burris, Eddie Clemens, Ronnie Hughes. SECOND ROW: Elizabeth Kuchar, C. E. Hoover, Dale Magee, Ronnie Cummings, Diane Hughes, Cheryl Wahlsmith, Susan Miller, Sandra Estill, Charles Muller, Sharon Hibbs. FRONT ROW: Duane Groover, Billy Basso, Gary Hamlin, Ronnie Spencer, Larry Fitchen, Carl Rogers, Keith Wasilewski, Johnny Berliew, Nancy Balster, Jimmy Ferguson, Phil Lawson.

GRADE TWO: Miss Power
BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Robert Jensen, Kathryn Rust, James Ratliff, Rebecca Barr, Sally Nance, Carole Sue Jensen, Kay Clemens, Joyce Eden. SECOND ROW: Stanley Tobias, Cynthia Hopkins, Brenda Spencer, Mary Phyllis Wiker, James Glenn, Gary Walsh, Alice Henning, Kenneth Doom. FRONT ROW: Harriet Fawns, Philip Holler, Roger McKee, Linda Knoles, Jackie Glenn, Robert Shartzer, June Lively.

GRADE THREE: Mrs. Showalter
BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: James Hendrickson, James Davis, Wayne Lively, Ray Beal, Larry Kuchar, Iona Holler Judy Muller, Linda Bell. SECOND ROW: Sharon Pierceall, Ronald Ferricks, Donald Ferricks, Karen Nichols, Marilyn Beccue, Steven Talkington, Chester Cox. FRONT ROW: Roy Beal, David Wartenbe, Raymond Grover, Tommy Croft, Billy Fitschen, Cecil Oller, Mary Boyer, Sandra Hughes.

GRADE FOUR: Miss Huffman

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Lynn Freer, Norman Fawns, Bill Conner, James Wartenbe, Roger Tomlin, Billy Hackman, Da-Neil Williams, Larry Cramer. SECOND ROW: Linda Rogers, Joyce Hopkins, Barbara Brown, Patty Bozarth, Sharon Lively, Bonnie Wiker, Mary Oller and Connie Pugsley. FRONT ROW: Larry Hughes, Carl Stott, Dennis Cox, Jackie Wells, Robert Lawson, John Glenn, Dickie Lawson.

GRADE FIVE: Mrs. Marjorie Wingo

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Teddy Sims, Larry Deckard, Sharon Tomlin, Sandra Nance, Carol Wilson, Charles Muller, Barbara Nichols, Donnie Libby, Carolyn Hamlin, Frankie Knoles. FRONT ROW: Linda Holler, Linda Mack, Betty Pierce-all, Joyce Burris, Larry Wells, Franklin Roberts, Bobby Abeln, Harold Glenn, Sharon Grant.

GRADE SIX: Mrs. Kopp

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Norman Jensen, Billy Shannon, Robert Oller, Carol Ann Walkup, Janet Henning, Iris Brown, Lois Hiles. SECOND ROW: Kenyon Freer, Joanne Nichols, Willard Kuchar, Glenn Eddie Huffman, Sharon Talkington, Orval Brown, Bill Spencer. FRONT ROW: Jeanette Nance, Joyce Seipel, Robert Rust, Dennis Huston, Alberta Fornoff, Barbara Boyer, Lee Nance, Loren Fawns.

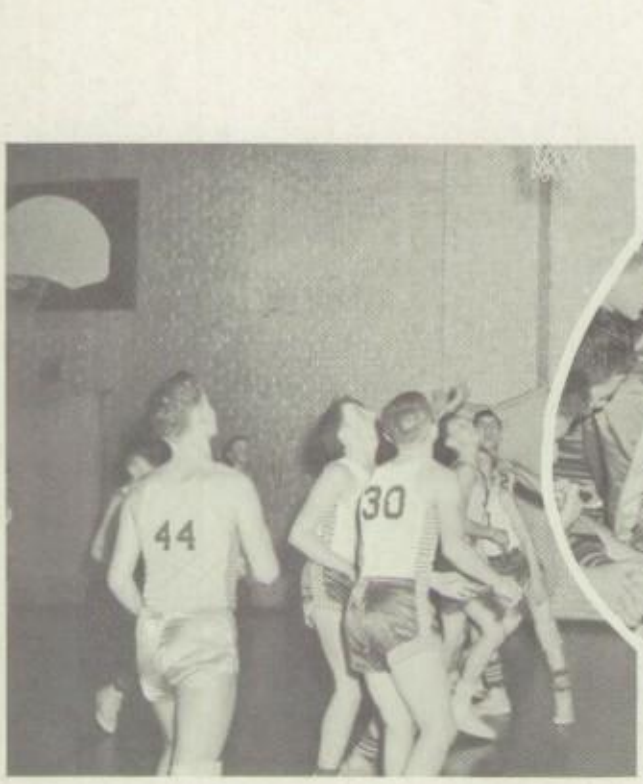
GRADE SEVEN: Mr. Harris
BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Charlene Coughlin, Bruce Irwin, Fred Tomlin, John Nance, Jim Dobson, Terry Maurizio, Wanda Baker, Rose Baker. THIRD ROW: Barbara Cravens, Carl Marion, Martha Bliesner, Larry Buhr, Paula Wasilewski, Barbara Nance, Kenny Cox, Joe Wethington. SECOND ROW: George Kramer, Don Hurt, Lonny Kenoyer, Larry Yoakum, Eugene McKee, Judy Moss, Carol Roberts, Donna Bozarth. FRONT ROW: Elmer Doom, Dale VanEman, Barbara Calvert, Judy Burris, Bette Wiker, Janet Ferguson, Kenny Holler, Barbara Cox.

GRADE EIGHT: Mr. Brown (Principal)
BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Karen Rollet, Charles Wells, James Buhr, Frank Brake, Kenneth Jenkins, Joyce Marion, Richard Buhr, Margaret Lynn Shurrager, Annabelle Yoakum. SECOND ROW: Karen Pugsley, Betty Nance, Donna Ollers, Jan Jensen, Ronald Earley, Donald Croft, James Shelton, Robert Beal, Eugene Nance, Harold Fawns. FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Ronald Grant, Donnie Joe Lindsey, Clara Woodrum, Delores Carter, James Holler, Evelyn Fornoff, Linda Pierceall, Dorothy Hannibal, Judy Moklar, Sandra Davis.

Mr. Wiker, Janitor

Mrs. Nichols (left) and Mrs. Henderson (right), cooks.

Joyce Marion
Judy Moss Sharon Tomlin Bette Nance
Joyce Seipel Lois Hiles



LIGHTWEIGHTS

BACK ROW: Kenyon Freer, Don Libby, Ronald Grant, Eugene McKee, Glenn Huffman, Jim Holler, Carl Marion, Bill Spencer, Dennis Huston, Larry Deckard, Mr. Harris. FRONT ROW: Ted Sims, Bob Rust, Ken Cox, Ken Holler, Bill Shannon, Lonny Kenoyer, Bob Abeln, Loren Fawns, Lee Nance.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

BACK ROW: Terry Maurizio, Larry Buhr, Don Croft, John Nance, Jim Buhr, Charles Wells, Mr. Harris. FRONT ROW: Ron Early, Jim Dobson, Fred Tomlin, Richard Buhr, Eugene Nance.

Mrs. Penstone, Music Supervisor for all unit grade schools

CANTRALL

RADES ONE AND TWO: Mrs. Brown

ACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Raymond Barrington, Carolyn Fisher, onna Riech, Audrey Miller, Harold Miller, Barbara Cronister, ance Jefferies. FRONT ROW: Lyla Brown, Diane Geary, Bonnie reeman, Mary Gene Schlitt, Eddie White, Cherie Ray, John Mc-uinn, Helen Britz. ABSENT: Glen Maxwell, Janice Bostic, lichael Wilcox.

GRADES THREE AND FOUR: Mrs. Sutter

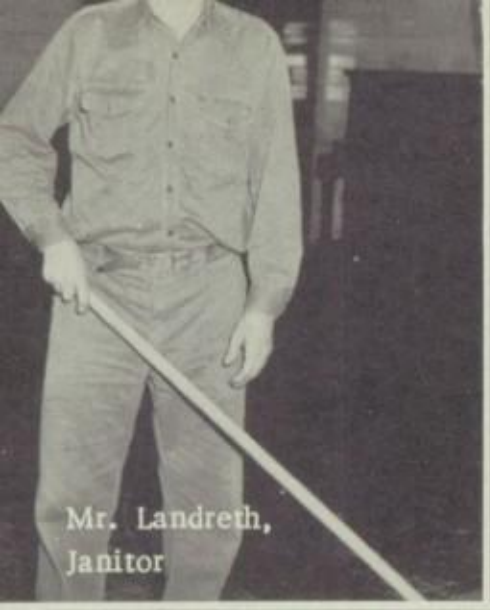
BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Carol Rath, Jerry Van Meter, Beverly Barrington, Johnny Haseley, Artie Fisher, Mary Beth Thompson, Phyllis Markey, Bill Sanderfield, Andy Wasilewski. SECOND ROW: Charles Freeman, Vicky Berliew, Martha Downey, Janet Garmers, Karen McQuinn, Beth Ann Parks, Karen Markey, Mary Ann Brookshier, Phillip Jackson. FRONT ROW: Cheryl Davis, Jimmy Harris, David Brown, Dennis Chastain, Joe Britz, Terry Gearry, Beverly Brown.

GRADES FIVE AND SIX: Mr. Munson (Principal)

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Beverly Dyer, Terry Barnett, Mark Parks, Barbara Wasilewski, Sharon Wyatt, Richard Van Meter, Darrell Chastain, Myrna Brown, Ronnie Nance, Randy Chastain. FRONT ROW: Jimmie Smith, Marlene Markey, Dale Bounds, Harry Woods, Roy Harris, Leroy Jones, Karen Brown, Ronnie Beavers, Jackie Geary, Susan Canterbury.

GRADES SEVEN AND EIGHT: Mr. Spear

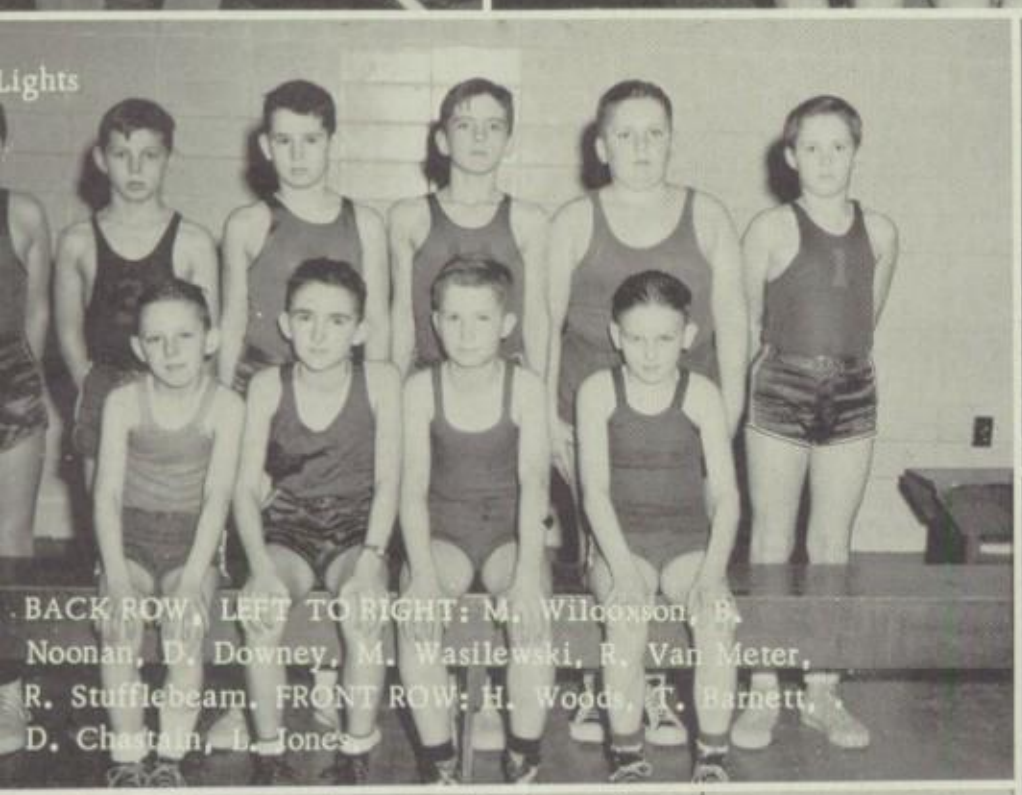
BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mick Wasilewski, Connie Landreth, Kay Noonan, Lynn Canterbury, Bill Miller, Kenneth Bounds, Kenneth Glasscock, Janet Markey, Barbara Giacomini, Harold Miller. FRONT ROW: Ronald Stufflebeam, Morris Wilcoxson, Sandra Sanderfield, Shirley Gabbert, Sharon Eigenmann, Joyce Freeman, Sharon Beaver, Emily Brookshier, Cecelia Britz, Bill Noonan, David Downey. ABSENT: Tom Giacomini.



Mr. Landreth,
Janitor

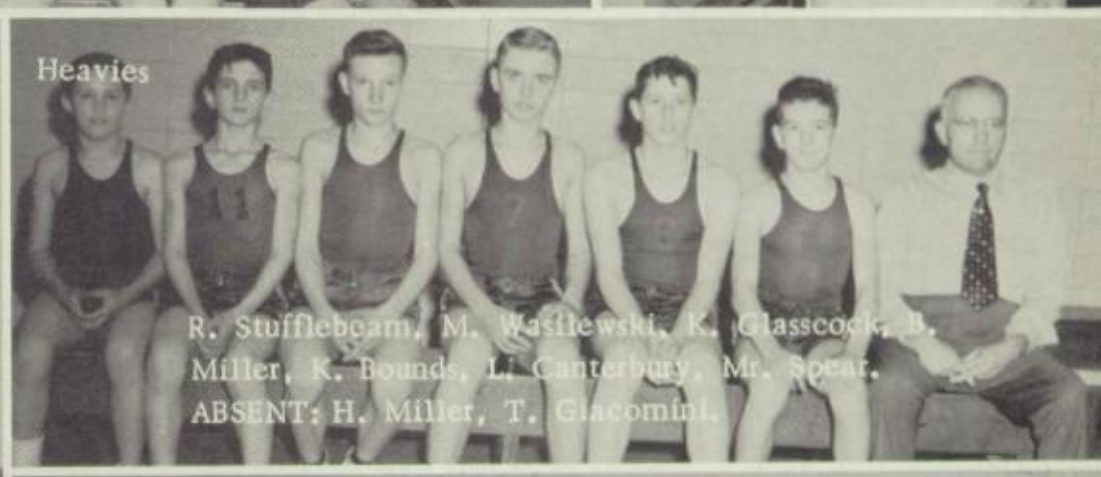
BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Spear, S. Beaver, C. Landreth, B. Giacomini, K. Noonan, C. Britt. FRONT ROW: S. Sanderfield, J. Freeman, S. Gabbert, E. Brookshier.

Mrs. Wasilewski
Cook



Lights

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: M. Wilcoxson, B. Noonan, D. Downey, M. Wasilewski, R. Van Meter, R. Stufflebeam. FRONT ROW: H. Woods, T. Barnett, D. Chastain, L. Jones.



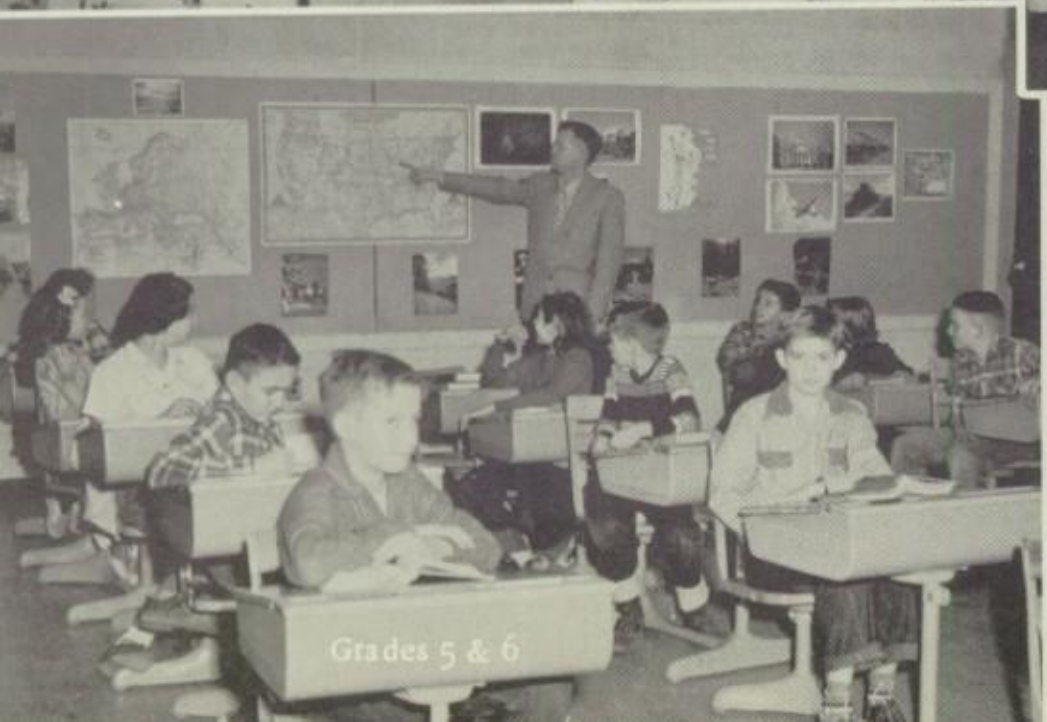
Heavies

R. Stufflebeam, M. Wasilewski, K. Glasscock, B. Miller, K. Bounds, L. Canterbury, Mr. Spear.
ABSENT: H. Miller, T. Giacomini.

Joyce Freeman, Connie Landreth, Barb Giacomini, Emily Brookshier.

Grades 1 & 2

Grades 3 & 4



Grades 5 & 6

Grades 7 & 8

FANCY PRAIRIE

GRADES ONE, TWO AND THREE: Mrs. Yagow

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Albert Winterbauer, Dwane Rapp, Wilda Jones, Patty Seibert, Carol Sapp, Barbara Blankenship, Treddie Weidhuner, Jeanie Harp, Glenn Sapp. FRONT ROW: Nancy Harrison, Denise Dixon, Larry Neavill, Bobby Sapp, Dean Baugher, Johnnie Graham, David Dixon, Diane Showalter, Dwane Kern, Peggy Blankenship.

GRADES FOUR, FIVE, AND SIX: Mrs. Winterbauer

ACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Russell Sybert, Lewis Powell, Doroy Emmett, Marianne Becker, Elynor Gard, Donna Sybert, Leonrd Littrell, Kathryn Powers, Maxine Jones, Susan Neavill, Sharon owers. FRONT ROW: James Dixon, Ronald Weidhuner, Louis uttory, Janet Dixon, Rebecca Clemens, Wanda Sybert, Arthur leavill, John Becker, Edward Winterbauer, Ray Harrison, Delores howalter.

GRADES SEVEN AND EIGHT: Mr. Penstone (Principal)

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mary Neavill, Delbert Weidhuner, Bobby Oller, Norman Powell, Darlene Powers, Linda Oller. FRON ROW: Ronnie Neavill, Jerry Olson, Peggy Gard, Marilyn Dixon, Gary Harrison, Darrell Oller. ABSENT: Clifford Richter.

FRONT ROW: L. Suttory, J. Becker, P. Weidhuner, L. Littrell, L. Powell, A. Neavill, J. Dixon, Coach.

FRONT ROW: J. Olson, R. Neavill, B. Oller, N. Powell, D. We huner, G. Harrison, D. Oller. ABSENT: C. Richter.

FRONT ROW: M. Becker, P. Gard, D. Sybert, M. Neavill, B. Clemens.

Mrs. Sybert - Cook

Mr. Emmons - Janitor

INDIAN POINT

GRADES ONE, TWO, AND THREE: Miss Nellie Moore

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Eddie Dyer, James Scott, Richard Bounds, John Miller, Linda Baum, Arlos Pettit, Jerry Davis. FRONT ROW: Alexis Kay Kincaid, Raymond Hamilton, J. E. Hopwood, Richard Moody, Jerry Sanderfield, Randy Cundall, Bobby Wethington.

GRADES FOUR, FIVE, AND SIX: Miss Ruth Moore (Principal)

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Russell Bounds, Paul Young, Shirley Gajewske, Mary Ann Sanderfield, Gary Moss. FRONT ROW: Shirley Van Eman, Donna Gajewske, Janice Cundall, Karen Sue Henrikson, Gary Sharp, Junia Mae Kent.

Operetta, "Christmas for Others"

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